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GERMANS CONCENTRATE ON BRITISH SECTORS

PARIS, DEC. 11 (REUTER).—ON THE WESTERN FRONT THE NAZIS SEEM TO BE GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THAT SECTION OF THE LINE HELD BY BRITISH TROOPS.

Semi-official reports say that German patrol activity is particularly heavy in the British section.

One German patrol on Sunday night attacked an isolated British outpost.

The enemy was repulsed and there were no British casualties.

OVER THE NORTH SEA

Nazi Planes Sighted Off England

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Two airplanes, one with the swastika insignia plainly visible on the tail and the other believed to be a Heinkel bomber, flew over the British coast to-day, one in the southeast and the other over Yorkshire.

The one with the swastika recognized in the southeast at a height of only about 1,000 feet. "It must have been low for us to see the swastika so plainly on its tail and the crosses under its wings," said fishermen who sighted the aircraft.

"We turned away from it because we expected anti-aircraft fire to start at any moment and we didn't want shrapnel falling around us." "We continued to see the plane for some few minutes through gaps in the clouds, but no shot was fired and there was no air raid warning."

The plane over Yorkshire kept at a high altitude and retired when Royal Air Force planes appeared.

Thousands Of Motor Lorries

British Factories Work To Capacity

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British motor industry is already working at high speed on the production of vehicles for the mechanized army.

One factory is now turning out as many lorries a day as the whole British Army had in 1914.

Although infantry lorry is a special type of lorry, arrangements have been made so that 85 per cent. of the parts are standardised.

The Ministry of Supplies to-day is the world's largest buyer of heavy vehicles. Almost the entire production of the British industry is now engaged in war work.

A tyre suitable for a lorry travelling at 50 miles an hour has been manufactured, as also a pneumatic tyre which is virtually bullet-proof.

Big Gift From South Africa

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, has acknowledged the gift of £100,000 raised by South African mayors.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Eden says that it is a real encouragement for Britain to receive such a welcome mark of friendship from the Union.

Cyprus Donation

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The inhabitants of Cyprus have started a fund to help the British Red Cross and have already raised £5,000—a very generous amount for so small a population.

The French official wireless commentator remarks that the performance of the British troops in the line is an event of capital importance, for it gives the lie to the insidious German propaganda that the British are leaving all the work to the French.

Weather Grounds Planes

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—With bad weather hampering air operations, activity on the Western Front to-day was confined to patrol activity.

Both sides sent out numerous patrols in an effort to probe one another's lines.

Germans are particularly active south and south-west of Saarbrücken, coming up close to the Allies' advanced posts.

They were repulsed with hand grenades and artillery.

Chosen To Go Into Action

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Order of the Day issued by the Commander of the British troops in the Maginot line begins:

"You have been chosen to go into action as the vanguard of the British Army."

"We shall be in very close touch with our Allies, who extend to us the warmest welcome."

"Unless everyone had done his duty since arrival in France, this unique honour would not have been conferred on you."

It was not long before she was bombed by German aircraft and so she made for the wider waters of the Baltic, dodging a cordon of Nazi destroyers on the way.

The captain was a sick man before the trip started and he was so ill that he had to be hoisted to the conning tower by a rope.

It was decided, as he grew worse, to land him in a neutral port, and so the submarine put in at the Estonian port of Tallinn, where the First Lieutenant took command.

Detained in Tallinn

As a German merchantman was leaving the port, the Estonian authorities made the submarine stay for another 24 hours.

They then announced that, as the submarine had exceeded the time allowed under International Law to remain in a neutral port, she was under arrest.

Breach blocks, charts and small arms were removed and preparations were made to take off the torpedoes.

Two guards were put on the submarine; one on board and one on the jetty.

A Polish officer severed the wire holding the torpedoes out of the submarine, and so the operations were postponed.

Meanwhile the captain got busy with a hacksaw, severing all the hawsers holding the submarine except one.

A plan was worked out to overpower the guards and get away from Tallinn as quickly as possible.

At midnight two burly sailors approached the guard on the jetty and engaged him in conversation. Taking him unawares, they hauled him into the submarine.

Guards Overpowered

The guard on board was also overpowered and the officer cut the wires to the searchlights and telephone.

The sound of the forward captain gave them away and the destroyers in the harbour turned.

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VISCOUNT GORT (left), Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F., Lieut.-General Sir John Dill, commanding the 1st Army Corps, and General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces, photographed in France.



Amazing Adventure Of Polish Submarine Crew

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A thrilling account of the escape of the Polish submarine Orzel from the Baltic to England became available in London to-day.

NEUTRALS' VICTIMS

Nazi And Soviet Submarines Active

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Estonian steamer, Kassari, was sunk by a submarine which is believed here to be Russian.

Greek Ship Lost

OSLO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Greek steamer Garoufalia, 4,700 tons, was torpedoed and sunk by an unknown submarine off the Norwegian coast while enroute to Kirkenes to collect a cargo of iron ore for Holland.

Twenty-five members of the crew were saved. Four are believed to be lost.

DISPLACEMENT OF NATIONALS

CRACOW, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Nazi-Soviet Commission here is meeting with difficulties in the discussion on the repatriation of their nationals.

The Germans refuse to hand over the Ukrainian Nationalists and the White Russians who fled into German-occupied Poland.

Thousands of German families are waiting on the Russian side of the frontier to pass into German territory.

RUSSO-JAPANESE FRICTION

TOKYO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Japanese Press is again engaged with the fishery question.

One paper states that a view is rising in some quarters that if the Soviets continue in their present attitude, Japan will take definite measures to look after her northern rights.

The question might soon become a matter of serious concern.

INVASION CONDEMNED BY COMMITTEE OF 13

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, DEC. 11 (UP).—THE SPECIAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE HAS SENT AN "ULTIMATUM" TO THE SOVIETS, GIVING THEM 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO AGREE TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM FINLAND AND PARTICIPATE IN PEACEFUL DISCUSSION OF THE RUSSO-FINNISH PROBLEMS.

League members described the message as an "ultimatum" in view of the time limit for a reply, but it does not contain any threat of positive League action in case the reply is not received within the prescribed time.

RED DRIVE REPULSED

Russians Make No Headway In East

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A Finnish communique issued to-day states that two enemy attacks yesterday at the Taipale River were repulsed with heavy losses.

Seven tanks were destroyed, and the enemy attempts to cross the Vuoksi Water System at Kiviniemi failed.

There was severe fighting all along the eastern frontier.

On the northern coast above Lake Ladoga, the enemy advanced in one sector, but the enemy attacks in another sector were repulsed.

Our troops advanced elsewhere and destroyed four enemy companies by a surprise attack.

After heavy fighting, the enemy occupied a village in Lapland near the Russian frontier.

Coastal batteries engaged enemy naval units in a fog, and, judging by explosions heard from the sea, the batteries scored some direct hits.

There was air activity along the eastern frontier.

Enemy aircraft bombed a lighthouse in the Gulf of Finland.

King Thanks The B. E. F.

Message To Troops In France

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The King has sent the following message to General Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in France:

"It has given me the great pleasure to visit the troops under your command in France, and the days I have been able to spend among them have been full of interest for I had an opportunity of seeing something of the conditions in which they are living and the work on which they are engaged."

"I am satisfied that the British soldier of to-day is at least equal to his predecessor both in efficiency and spirit."

"I send my best wishes to all ranks of the B. E. F. and assure them of the complete and unflinching confidence placed in them by their fellow-countrymen."

TOMMIES COME HOME FOR XMAS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The first batch of British troops on Christmas leave arrived to-day.

They are mostly married men who were among the first of the B. E. F. to go abroad.

They will have a break of ten days. There will also be Christmas leave for some officers and men of the R. A. F. in France, and it ship movements do not prevent it, the Navy will also get Christmas leave, or other part of it will.

All those on leave are given free travelling vouchers.

The Committee appointed to deal with the Russo-Finnish question comprised Uruguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ireland, Canada, Egypt, Portugal, Sweden, Thai, Norway, France, Great Britain and India.

A survey of the leading delegations indicated there was a trend toward condemnation of the invasion as an act of aggression and the organisation of feasible material, moral and legal aid for the Finns.

M. Rudolf Holsti, representing Finland's case, was cheered when he repeated Finland's appeal for world help by deeds and not words.

He attacked Russia's "hypocritical attitude," and recalled previous Soviet declarations against aggression. However, the carefully avoided any suggestion of sanctions or expulsion and asked the League to deal with the situation from a moral viewpoint.

"You must help Finland," he said. "Finland alone cannot save its women and children from bullets and gas bombs. If you do your duty towards Finland, Finland will do her duty towards the world."

Finland, he said, was profoundly touched by world sympathy.

"Please transform this sympathy into some practical means of aid. We hope the world will not expect Finland to fight the enemy alone."

"Nothing affords more proof of the moral baseness of the Soviets than the establishment of the Terioki puppet Government."

It is learned that the Argentine delegate, Rodolfo Freyre, will definitely and categorically demand the expulsion of Russia.

Practical View

There is a growing conviction that Russia can no longer remain a member of the League, but under British impulse a more practical view of the crisis is likely to prevail, since the belligerents and also the Scandinavian countries do not want to isolate the Soviets in the face of a possible Hitler-Stalin dual alliance.

40 Members Attend

GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Council of the League of Nations met this morning to consider Finland's appeal.

Although the Soviet was not present, 40 of 53 states which are members of the League sent delegates.

Fourteen documents were presented by Finland as a background for its appeal, and these were issued by the Secretary General.

They were texts of the notes between Finland and Russia from October 14 to November 29.

Some South American states suggest that Russia should be excluded but expulsion requires a unanimous vote, and certain members, in- PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

BERLIN IS BLAMED

Nazis' Part In The Red Adventure

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The French Press takes the view that Germany is as much to blame as Russia in the aggression against Finland.

"Figaro" says that the German attempt to play innocent and bring the world's condemnation on Russia's shoulders alone fools no one.

It is entirely due to Germany that there is now a war in Finland and that eastern Europe is now the prey of Bolshevism.

"Excelsior" too blames Berlin and M. Leon Blum, the former French Premier, writing in "Le Populaire," says that it is absurd to bring a crusade against Stalin alone. Hitler is equally guilty.

Nazi Threats

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (UP).—The American Committee to Aid Finland PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

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BRITISH TRADE SHOWS REMARKABLE INCREASE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued this morning deals with the improvement in the British export position.

Sales of British commercial vehicles abroad in the four months of August to November were higher than the corresponding period in 1938.

Exports to Australia were up 30 per cent. and to the West Indies 45 per cent.

Orders from Holland in one make of car were up 61 per cent. The increase in the British com-

petitive power is due:
1.—Depreciation of the sterling;
2.—Risk of petrol shortage throughout Europe, increasing the demand for low power cars which are a specialty of British manufacturers;
3.—Elimination of German competition in the overseas markets. This, hitherto, was severe owing to the fact that Germany also specialised in small cars and the exports were heavily subsidised.



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NAVY HUNTING FOR NAZI RAIDERS

MYSTERY MOVEMENTS OF POCKET BATTLESHIPS

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

Although the Admiralty naturally preserves secrecy concerning its measures to round up the two German 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" believed to be at large, it may be taken for granted that a number of cruisers are searching for them.

Their hunt is helped by the seaplanes which all modern cruisers carry as part of their normal equipment.

In the Allied Fleets there are five vessels not only faster, but more powerfully armed and better protected, than the pocket battleships, the Admiral Scheer and the Deutschland.

It is possible that the Admiral Scheer has quitted the South Atlantic and rounded Cape Horn to pursue her depredations in the Pacific, where it will be more difficult to locate her.

Assuming, as competent opinion now inclines to do, that two raiders are at large, it seems remarkable that so far only three British ships—the Booth liner Clement, on Sept. 30, the steamer Stonegate, on Oct. 5 and the Rawalpindi—should have fallen victims to their activities.

It is known that, in addition to the seizure of the American steamer City of Flint and the sinking of the Stonegate, the Deutschland was also responsible for sending to the bottom the Norwegian steamer Lorentz W. Hansen and for stopping but not detaining two other Norwegian vessels.

This still leaves only the one ship, the Clement, to be credited to the Admiral Scheer in the South Atlantic.

SUPPLIES FOR RAIDERS

There is strong support for the belief that the Admiral Scheer has transferred herself to the Pacific. On Oct. 9 the German merchant vessel Borkum left Monte Video, on the route that the Admiral Scheer would take if southward bound, while two more steamers have since departed from ports on the other side of the continent—the Dresden from Valparaiso and the Havelland from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica.

This would accord with a system of regular supply ships similar to that instituted by enemy agents in South American ports during 1914-15.

A further development that seems to be foreshadowed is that the Deutschland may be proceeding south to take up the station which the Admiral Scheer has presumably left.

On Oct. 20 the German tanker Emmy Friedrich sailed from Tampico, Mexico, with a cargo of oil fuel; and five days later the steamer Togo slipped out of Bona, at the mouth of the Congo.

FASTER AND BIGGER SHIPS

All these departures may be taken as fingerposts pointing to the raiders' movements.

Although no cruiser afloat is so heavily armed as a "pocket battleship," with her six 11-inch guns, a cruiser's speed is invariably higher by five or six knots, so that once a raider is sighted it will be hard for her to lose contact with her pursuers.

In the Allied Fleets there are the following faster and more powerful ships:

The British battle cruisers Hood, 42,100 tons, the largest warship in the world. Renown and Repulse, 32,000 tons, all three armed with 15-inch guns; and the French battleships Dunkerque and Strasbourg, 26,500 tons, armed with 13-inch guns.

If either of the enemy raiders once comes within effective range of any of these five ships, her chances of survival are small.

PRISONERS AT HOME

Number Steadily Increasing

The number of Germans living in this country who have been interned "to keep them out of possible mischief," as a Government official put it, is steadily mounting.

A former holiday camp has been taken over for the men; the women are interned elsewhere. The men, most of whom are either members of the Nazi party or have Nazi sympathies, will not come before the tribunals now sitting to decide the fate of the 50,000 enemy aliens, including 35,000 refugees in Britain. They have the right to appeal against internment to an advisory committee.

Their life is not harsh, but they are subject to a certain amount of discipline, and they are under military guard. Most of them have private means, or friends who assist them, and they have formed a central fund to supplement the fixed rations and buy cigarettes and other luxuries.

Leader Appointed
They run their own mess, and have appointed a leader, and a committee to control the domestic side of their lives and make representations to the camp commandant.

At present, these internees have no set tasks beyond keeping their rooms in order, but the provision of definite occupation is under consideration. They spend most of the day walking, reading, or playing chess or card games.

The German prisoners of war are at present housed in a cotton mill "somewhere in the north," which has been out of occupation for years.

They are young and almost all of them are members of submarine crews. All are keen Nazis, but they display no hatred towards this country. They have been taught that Mr. Churchill is the arch-enemy of Germany, and he is practically the only British politician they have heard of.

Yankees Oppose "Scarlet"

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass.—Members of Congress have been asked to help suppress the moving picture "Gone With the Wind." The Malcolm Amidown Woman's Relief Corps wrote to senators and representatives urging the film be banned as "an insult to the Grand Army of the Republic."

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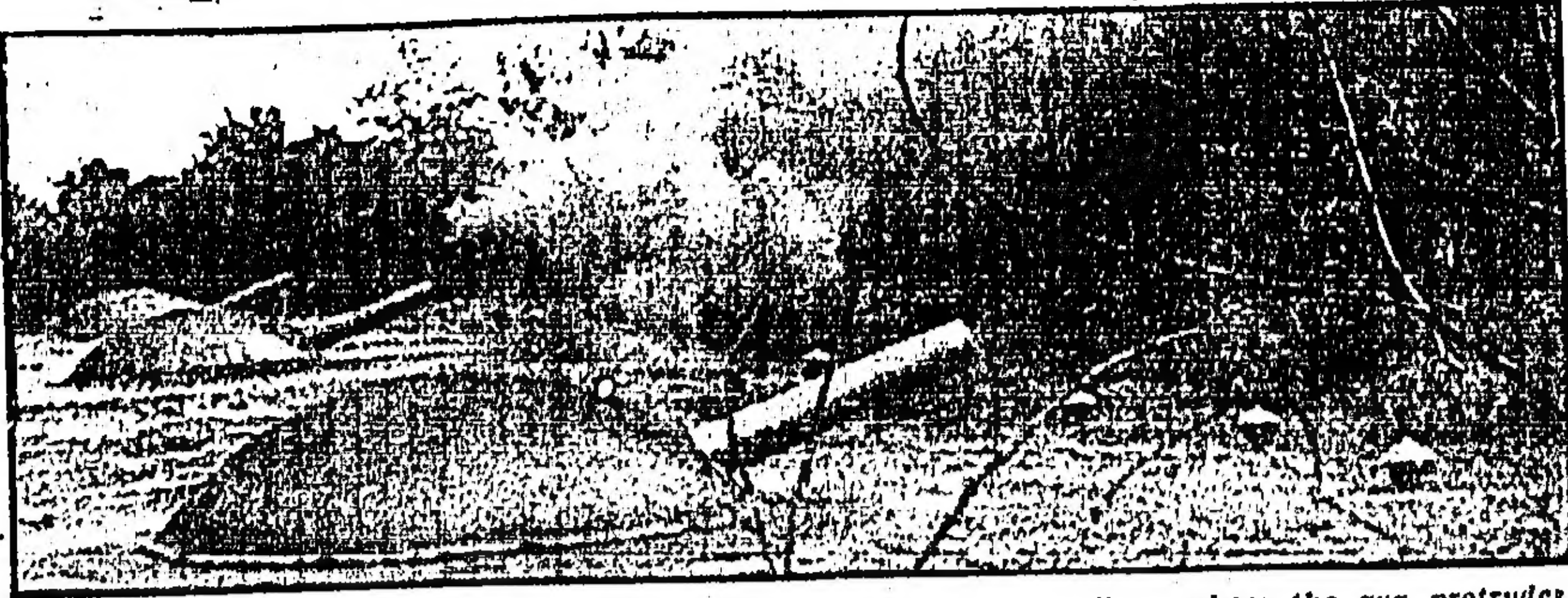
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OUR TOMMIES IN MAGINOT LINE FORT



FOOD, BEDS, WINE ARE 'ALL RIGHT'

I WAS introduced to the Maginot Line. That is the inevitable beginning of all stories about the French Army.

I think it also is the beginning of the end of the war. For, unless a miraculous earthquake rips it to pieces, the Maginot Line will be impregnable.

Bells of barbed wire and "asparagus," as the French call the steel anti-tank stockades, give a vague hint of its war power. "Mushrooms," as they call the cupolas of observation posts, suggest nothing of its subterranean immensity.

You begin to grasp something of the extent of the technical marvels of these fortifications only when you have entered a passage the size of a London underground station.

FLASHING FLOOR

It is brilliantly lit. I passed across a carpet of steel flooring which, in the incredible event of the enemy penetrating so far, can be slid out of sight, leaving what seems to be a bottomless pit.

There was a door swung back as thick as the side of a warship. There was a light. I descended slowly into the interior of France.

Here was an electric train which draws trucks of ammunition and supplies, and carries passengers. It moved on a pair of rails, rattling over points, ducking through archways, passing mysterious rooms, and pulling up at last close to the officers' mess.

It was in this room that the war began to take shape, not madly and tragically, but in the sentimental fashion which anyone who knew the last war will remember. A lusty mixture of comradeship and song addressed to that winsome skeleton, Mademoiselle from Arras.

SINGING MAJOR

After lunch there were songs. The major commanding the fort sang one, the chief artillery officer sang another, the doctor another.

They sang that terrific rhythmic emphasis which the French can give to chorus songs, particularly "Lisette"—what a girl she was!—and "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom," what a girl she was, too!

On one wall hung a picture of yet another girl. It had taken the fancy of the engineer officer, and it certainly drew the eye.

Thus inspired, the engineer officer had signed a very modern bar and the artillery officer had provided a statuette of yet another girl as its culminating ornament.

But I went to that other war, hurrying through a hall of armchairs. Speakers—the major sang to the British armies and the French armies and the toast to the King and the President of the French Republic. And then I proceeded to a room to—perhaps it would be more accurate to say go into—earth.

UNSEEN TARGET

I was shown the room from which the Artillery Officer, who is many yards underground beneath steel and concrete, directs his fire without ever seeing his objective. This business is so scientifically planned that it would take a flea to hop through the opening left by his shells.

I went up to the light and peered through a hole in the wall where the gun protrudes its deadly snout. I saw a beautiful field of fire, as the artillery officer remarked, and it extended far into the distance and crossed the frontiers of the sides and from other forts.

I would as soon attempt to attack a mob of armour-plated prehistoric monsters single-handed.

Up on the surface of the riddled earth a cause of half-a-dozen soldiers who had been given the hospitality of the fort, with their particular pieces of technical apparatus.

"VERY YOUNG"

They looked very young. One who said he was 18 had an engaging shyness. He said that the who-fores were on French rations—was all right, but it took a bit of getting used to. He thought the coffee all right, but he missed his tea, and he thought his sleeping quarters were all right, they were lovely and warm. Which they should be, as the Maginot Line is centrally heated.

His mother will be glad to know he is feeling fine. If she can bring herself still to believe in small mercies.

A French soldier whom I passed had found a small mercy in a rabbit, which he had caught with a long stick and considerable cunning, thus proving himself a specialist like all the inhabitants of the Maginot Line.

And then, from the hazy distance, came a crash, as if a giant across the frontier had slammed a door. It was repeated at casual intervals. The first German shelling I have heard during this war.

It flicked away any sort of sentimentality I may have felt. It sounded quite mad.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE

A lecture, The Law of Maritime Capture, will be given by Mr. John Whyatt on Wednesday, December 13, at 8.30 p.m. in the Hongkong University Union Assembly Room. All interested are welcome.

Charitable Work Praised By H. E. The Governor

Reference to the plight of the poor in the Colony and the steady decrease of their average income during the past eight years was made at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, held at the Helena May Institute yesterday.

The Hon. Sir Robert K. MacGregor, President, and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote were among those present.

Sir Robert said: In today's agenda I have allotted to myself the most congenial duty of all—that of thanking the benefactors of the Society. First and foremost among these are His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, who, in spite of the strain and stress of pressing and exacting occupations, have contrived to find time to attend all our annual meetings, and to give us every encouragement and help.

You may have noticed that in the Annual Report there is no mention of the work of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. These officers hold three of the four "key" positions in the Society, the fourth being the important office of Hon. Director, which is at the present moment vacant. When I tell you they were primarily responsible for the compilation of the Annual Report, you will understand the reason for the omission.

An Ideal Chairman

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. Sir Atholl is an ideal chairman. He presides over us with dignity and good humour, tact and patience. During a year of heavy and increasing public and social duties Sir Atholl gave himself to the Society without stint, and his relinquishment of the chairmanship will be a serious loss. Fortunately his wise counsel and able guidance will still be available to us.

The office of Hon. Secretary to the Society is no sinecure. It entails a tremendous amount of work, but fortunately we have in Mrs. Crozier one who is more than equal to it. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. McKellar, ably assisted by Mr. Kwok Chan, has rendered yeoman service to the Society.

Shortly after their arrival in the Colony two and a half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Caine became members of this Society, and had ever since, until they left Hongkong, identified themselves closely with our work. The Society is much the poorer by their departure.

Another helper we have lost is Dr. Hunter who, I understand, may not return to Hongkong. She has placed us under a deep debt of gratitude not only by her whole-hearted co-operation as Medical Officer in charge of the Violet Peel Infant Welfare Centre, but also by her valuable advice as a member of the Executive Committee.

On previous occasions I have had the pleasure of giving expression to our profound appreciation of the wonderful help we have received from the Women's Auxiliary. Year after year these ladies have been the mainstay of our financial fabric, being responsible for about 30 per cent. of our total annual revenue.

Mr. de Martin's Services

As I have said, the office of Hon. Director is at present vacant. About three years ago the Society had the good fortune of securing the services of Mr. G. P. de Martin for this important office, and he filled it with singular success and distinction. In April last he left for a well-earned holiday, and on his return a few weeks ago he informed us, to our profound regret, that he was unable to resume office.

I must not forget the good work of the Branch Hon. Secretaries, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mrs. R. C. Beavan, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mrs. Pearson Grant, or of that of the Hon. Secretary for the Creche, Mrs. W. Pank. To them I express very warm thanks for their help.

It is impossible for me to mention everyone by name, and I do so, therefore, that I may be forgiven if I thank collectively, as I do now, the splendid band of workers who have given so much of themselves to the Society with the sole thought of alleviating and bettering the lot of poor and suffering children. (Applause.)

An Anxious Time

Sir Atholl MacGregor said: I am glad to have this opportunity by moving the adoption of the Report and the Accounts included therein and to give a very short account of my stewardship during the past year.

It has not been an easy time or by any means free from anxiety. Only a month or two before our last annual meeting Canton fell; all through this year hostilities have continued in China and since September 3 Great Britain also has been at war.

Another matter for anxiety was the inevitable rise in the cost of imported foodstuffs owing to the war in Europe, but I am happy to say that worry on that score at least would seem now to be unnecessary.

The year has ended with a debit balance of \$760, a figure the smallness of which I regard as amazing and a most wonderful token of the support which the Society is accorded by the public. The amount of the deficit is still more remarkable when one remembers that this has been a year of considerable development, that we have dealt with more new cases than ever before and that we have embarked on a new phase of the Society's work in the running of Clubs for young children at the two Kowloon centres—an afternoon club for girls and closer and increased co-operation with the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association.

New Centre Opening

We are also opening a new centre in an area where it is very badly needed this month.

By the kindness of Mr. S. V. Boxer, I have been furnished with a chart showing the average income of each of the families with which we have dealt, the number of new cases dealt with each year and the expenditure. The chart covers the period from 1932 to the end of this year, and while expenditure over those eight years has increased only from \$21,000 to very little more than \$25,000 this year, while the figure for new cases in the past twelve months is \$2,800 or more than three times as many as in the first of the year shown on the chart.

Before I close I want to say how very indebted I have been throughout the year to our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Crozier, our Treasurer, Mr. McKellar, and the ladies on the Women's Auxiliary than whom no better committee can exist anywhere! (Applause.)

Officers Re-elected

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. A. J. Arculi, the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Vice-Presidents, members of the General and Executive Committees and other officers of last year and mentioned in the report were re-elected. The Hon. Mr. Tam was designated Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Northcote, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, said the very deep interest which they had taken in the affairs of the Society had always been a great encouragement and inspiration to all the workers.

Governor's Praise

H.E. The Governor said: It is only natural, I think, that all humane beings should take a deep interest in the work of the Society which is designed to help those who are most helpless and the most in need of help. I note the number of children coming under your care has increased and also the new experiment of children's clubs. I hope that experiment will prosper to such an extent that the whole of this town will someday be covered with a network of such clubs wherever they are needed. (Applause.)

I am also glad to note of the close liaison between the clubs which this Society has begun and those which are under the care of the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association. I am not quite sure whether this Society or that Association takes within its scope the club which I visited some 18 months ago in Connaught Road—the one which Mrs. Caine started—but if it is anything like that I warmly congratulate the Society on having started it. The Social Welfare Council have these clubs closely under their eye, and the other day I was studying an interesting plan of a building, part of which was to give accommodation to a club of this kind. I was struck principally by the cheapness of the building and the small cost of running such an institution; I think it is an encouraging feature for the future.

Matter of Concern

"I am sorry that the Society has lost so many valuable helpers in the course of the year but I feel confident that the younger generation

"... where the gun protrudes its deadly snout."



"... Mushrooms, as they call the cupolas of observation posts."



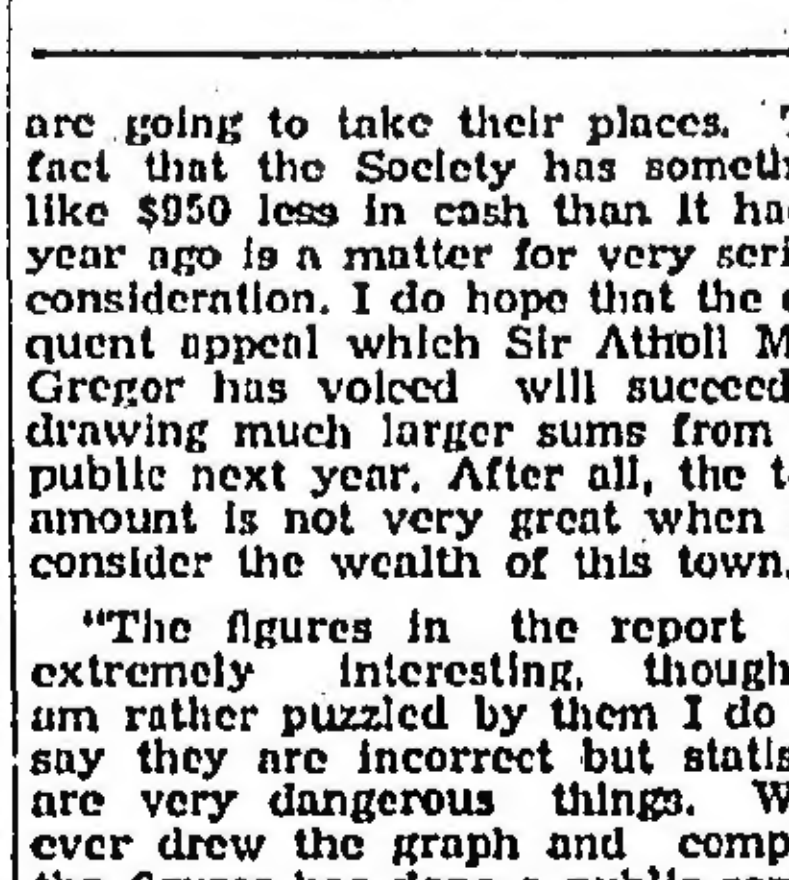
"... Here was an electric train which draws trucks of ammunition and supplies, and carries passengers."



"... After lunch there were songs. They all had that terrific rhythmic emphasis which the French can give to chorus songs."



"... the room from which the Artillery Officer directs his fire without ever seeing his objective."



are going to take their places. The fact that the Society has something like \$950 less in cash than it had a year ago is a matter for very serious consideration. I do hope that the eloquent appeal which Sir Atholl MacGregor has voiced will succeed in drawing much larger sums from the public next year. After all, the total amount is not very great when you consider the wealth of this town.

The figures in the report are extremely interesting, though I am rather puzzled by them I do not say they are incorrect but statistics are very dangerous things. Whoever drew the graph and compiled the figures has done a public service to the Colony in drawing attention to a state of affairs in which average incomes of families with which the Society is concerned have dropped so alarmingly. It is certainly a decline into which anyone holding a responsible position should look, as I propose doing as Governor." (Applause.)

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Hon. Auditors, the Press and the President.

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AMAZING ADVENTURE OF POLISH SUB- MARINE CREW

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on their searchlights and peppered the submarine with rifle fire.

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TIN JUMPS \$45 IN ONE DAY

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Excited dealings occurred in the London tin market this morning following the removal of the former maximum price of £230.

Business began in forward tin around £260 and rose rapidly to £275 before closing at £268, while the total turn-over amounted to 400 tons.

Tin circles here are gratified at the return of the market to an international basis.

Most observers are of the opinion that the price will gradually decline to the previous maximum or below, and will eventually govern the international price once supplies have been attracted here.

Brightest Feature SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange today tin shares were the brightest feature, owing to removal of the restriction of the price of the metal.

Excited trading was witnessed in the tin market where the forward price soared £45 to £275, closing at £268 with business after the close of the market at £272 per ton.

Cotton was sharply higher on reports that the United States export subsidy was likely to be eliminated.

BERLIN IS BLAMED

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discovers the receipt of an anonymous letter and telephonic threats to picket and disrupt to-night's meeting, the police have been called in and assigned to double duties.

Mr. Herbert Hoover is scheduled to address the meeting by telephone from his home in California. The proceeds of the meeting will go to Mr. Hoover's Finnish Relief Fund. Donations are pouring in and the sale of choice seats for the "Let's Help Finland" mass meeting, scheduled to be held in Madison Square Garden on December 20, helped swell the fund.

A report from Los Angeles says that Mr. Hoover said he expected the contributions to come in so rapidly as to make it possible for almost immediate aid for Finland. More than 1,100 newspapers have responded to the invitation to participate in the fund.

Gestapo Arrests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—According to the French radio, the Gestapo has arrested a number of Germans for having called at the Finnish Legation in Berlin to express sympathy with the Finns.

They were told that no demonstrations of anti-Russian sentiment could be allowed in Germany.

The Milkman Likes It

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The city council has received a protest from the Milk Drivers' union against an ordinance which prohibits milk deliveries before 6 a.m. during the winter.

Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbi")

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at 22, Eric Mitchell 20 and Brindley 11—and that was that. I was interested to see that Cedric Blythe has turned out again. He was a very useful bat—Consulate Planco—but has not played for some years.

Good Game At C.S.C.C.

A WICKET in McLellan's second over with the total at one provided a startling opening. E. A. Lee, who has recently been scoring very heavily, was all at sea with a ball which came in very sharply from the off. It seemed rather as if the wicket had been over-watered as the ball was taking a lot of spin. Lim, who had opened with Lee, appeared very shaky at the start, and survived an l.b.w. appeal by Perry early on. F. R. Zimmern scored a quiet 6 runs before lashing out wildly at McLellan and being bowled.

Joined by Youngs, Lim proceeded to open up more confidently, and when Fenton relieved McLellan he cracked him for 17 in his first and only over, four boundaries off short balls going to leg. It was a surprising turnover after a bad start, as Youngs was doing nothing but defend. He was lucky to be given not out when a short ball from Whitley kicked up and he appeared to touch it. The umpire, however, ruled that it had touched his pads.

Lim, when he had made 47 out of 62, was unfortunately to be run out as Youngs called him and then sent him back. During the latter part of his innings he had played good forcing cricket and gave no chance.

A COLLAPSE

ONCE MORE luck turned round. Youngs was caught in the slips, and Hulse bowled first ball. E. Zimmern stayed some time for 12 runs before being out to a mis-hit off Perry, when Hollidge made a good catch. In his next over, Perry also dismissed A. K. E. The following ball completely beat Hamson. A. R. H. Esmail, who had been ill and turned out at the last moment, did not last long, being caught by Barrow off McLellan. Hong Sling and Winch unexpectedly held up their wickets for some time before a ball from Whitley, who had replaced Perry, got past the latter's defence and the innings closed at 4.15 p.m. for 108 runs.

Perry bowled very well in his first spell, but seemed to tire. McLellan was the most dangerous bowler and reserved his bag of tricks for the 9 overs. From Lim, Craig-gower's batting was undisturbed.

I hear that Souza was unable to play owing to a split finger. Someone said that he got it in the football game. I am prepared to believe a great deal of this new pastime, but I did not know they allowed biting. Billmorin was, also, an absentee, being detained by office duties.

CIVIL SERVICE BAT

RICHARDSON and Fortescue opened as usual for the Civil Service, and the first ball of the innings was a head high full toss from F. R. Zimmern, which the former put to leg for 4. Two runs further were scored in the over. Winch who had come up from the 2nd eleven, bowled medium pace round the wicket and in his first over Richardson gave a very sharp chance to Ismail in the gully, the ball travelling fast between the fielder's legs to the man—a single resulted. Fortescue took a single off Winch, but in Zimmern's 2nd over with the total at 11 was beaten by a swinger and clean bowled.

Hollidge, promoted for the first time to going in 1st wicket, opened confidently with a fine forcing shot off his first ball for 4 runs through the covers. It was an excellent stroke played off his back leg, and only a fine bit of fielding by Youngs prevented a similar shot from reaching the boundary.

Richardson turned Winch to fine leg for 4, but at the other end was out to a magnificent catch by Hamson. A short ball from Zimmern was viciously hooked and travelled at top speed head high to the fielder, who made a catch as he fell off his balance—21/2/10.

Hollidge proceeded to score at a good pace with drives along the carpet, and he made one fine glance to leg, but Colledge was content to get a sight of the bowling. Ismail, bowling left hand slowly, relieved Zimmern, and succeeded in making Colledge play an indecisive stroke which dragged the ball into his wicket. Perry and Hollidge batted well, and then Hulse bowled an over to enable Ismail to change ends while Zimmern came on again.

AN INJUDICIOUS DIP

AFTER THE FOURTH wicket had added 47 runs, Hollidge had an injudicious dip at a turning ball from Ismail, and was well caught by Youngs after a nicely played 20. 4 wickets were down for 60 odd. Perry was joined by McLellan, but shortly afterwards was well taken in the slips by Ismail of Zimmern, after a forcing innings of 21 runs. At this time the C. S. were betting behind the clock, and this probably led to Perry's dismissal. In an endeavour to get runs quickly Lawrence was sent in ahead of Barrow, but after scoring 3 only he was well beaten by a good ball from Winch, who had relieved Ismail. With only ten minutes to go to the official time of drawing stumps (6.45 p.m.), and 4 wickets in which to get the 30 odd

French Warn Foe Then Bomb Bridge

BASLE.—French military engineers, after politely warning German sentries on the opposite bank of the Rhine, dynamited a small steel footbridge spanning the river near the electric plant at Kembs, 12 miles north of here.

The bridge was used in peacetime by German workers who crossed daily to the Kembs region. It has been little used since the fall of 1938 when these workers were discharged and replaced by French employees.

This Peeper No Tom

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—So distrustful of his wife was Edwin S. Cain that he cut peepholes about the house so he could spy on her. Mrs. Cain testified in her suit for divorce.

runs required, the position was very interesting. It was however extremely dark and one could barely see what was happening from the pavilion.

A STUPID RUN-OUT

WITH Barrow in, McLellan was caught in the wicket, and then came a very stupid business as Bond, after slashing a 4, hit the ball into the covers and moved down the pitch calling. There was no run, and Barrow sent him back but not quickly enough. A run-out at this time was perfectly ridiculous. It was obvious that the runs could not be scored in time. Whitley went in, and Barrow played out what should have been the last over. To the amazement of everyone another over was given, and Ismail went on. Again a very stupid business occurred as Whitley, with every reason to play cautiously, lashed out and was caught at long off.

By this time the ball could not be seen from the pavilion and the street lights were on. Fenton, the last man in, managed to survive the over and then to the utter amazement of the spectators another over was given. Mid the shades of night Barrow was bowled and the innings ended for 94.

IGNORANCE

THE C.S.C.C. thoroughly deserved to lose the match for the stupid way in which the last wickets were allowed to fall. Apart from the hitting out, when caution should have been the rule, and from getting run out, it was clear that singles should not have been run when Barrow had the bowling, as his defence is so very sound. But although I do not care the very slightest about who wins a game, I do dislike slovenliness.

The official time of closing in December is 5.45, which is at Happy Valley, at least a quarter of an hour too late, but it is the official time.

There is no excuse however for going on in absolute darkness after the proper time for drawing. I discovered that apparently none of the Craigengower side were sure of the time of drawing, the umpires did not know, and a batsman, who had no earthly right to speak as he was a couple of more overs suggested, a couple more overs.

Every umpire makes mistakes, decisions, but it is surely within the bounds of possibility for anyone to carry out the elementary duty of comparing watches with the other umpire, and setting them to the pavilion clock, which unless otherwise arranged, should govern the time for drawing. I mention this strongly apart from the slovenliness of the thing, sooner or later someone is going to get very badly hurt in these last two overs in the dark. I repeat I do not care a hoot who won or did not win, but there is, after all, the question of equity. The Civil Service lost at least two wickets bowling to get the runs by 5.45, and not by 5.55!

I am afraid that considerations of space rule out any mention of two or three other games. I congratulate the Volunteers on turning out two teams (Counting the Medical unit one at Pokfulam on Saturday). Volunteers won comfortably.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1889.
The principal cause of the present deadlock in the com' real circles of this colony is want of money. This is, of course, the immediate and direct cause of all crises and dead-locks in the world of commerce; but in Hongkong just now there are dozens of men hard pressed for money who are actually wealthy.

We would remind our Masonic readers that the installation of the W. M. of Lodge St. John, No. 618, R.C., and the investment of officers, will take place to-morrow night, when all visitors will be made cordially welcome. The District Grand Master, R. W. Wra, the Hon. C. P. Chater will perform the installing ceremony, and the Grand Lodge officers are expected to turn out in force.

25 YEA AGO

Dec. 11, 1914.
The German cruiser Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig have been sunk in a naval action near the Falkland Islands.

(Both the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau were formerly attached to the German Far Eastern Squadron, and since the war broke out they had managed to elude British and Japanese cruisers which had been detailed to run them down. From time to time they have been reported at various places, and the last heard of them was on November 6, when, in company with the Leipzig, the Dresden and the Nürnberg, they took part in the naval engagement off Valparaiso.)

One of the most important factors in the termination of the present struggle in Europe is the cost of the war. About twenty million people are under arms, although, of course, countries like Holland, Denmark, Switzerland and Bulgaria are not in the war in spite of the fact that they are fully mobilised.

Britain's expenditure alone during the first few weeks of the war averaged about £5,000,000 a week. (It is now £6,000,000 a day!—Ed.)

The daily expenditure of the belligerent countries are as follows:—
Great Britain £1,250,000
France £1,400,000
Germany £1,800,000
Russia £1,200,000
Austria £600,000
Italy £500,000
Japan £250,000
and Turkey £750,000
Total £7,000,000

According to various stories coming principally from Amsterdam and Copenhagen, Germany is working at top speed on various developments of submarine warfare.

The enemy is also, we are told, building at Hamburg and Elblina submarines four times as large as any existing craft of this type. I am afraid this story must be added to the list of war canards.

The big new transatlantic liner of the Hamburg-American Company, the Vaterland, which since the outbreak of the war has remained with many others of the company's vessels in the sheltered security of the neutral waters of New York, has just suffered the indignity of attachment for debt. (The Vaterland was seized when the U.S. entered the war and became the Majestic.—Ed.)

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1929.
The fate of Canton should be decided within the next two or three days. The rival armies are now at grips within thirty miles of the city, and a fierce battle is in progress.
The admiral has called to Admiral Sir A. K. Walsell, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, expressing admiration at the gallantry of the captain, officers and crew of the Douglas, s.s. Haiching in the recent attempted piracy.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1934.
Yugo-Slavia may be obliged to quit the League of Nations unless that body brings in a resolution of censure for Hungary's alleged complicity in the plots of Croatian terrorists which culminated in the murder of King Alexander at Marseilles. It was stated by M. Boguljub Yovitch, Foreign Minister for Yugo-Slavia, in private conversations with members of the League Council to-day.

24-HOUR 'ULTIMATUM' TO RUSSIANS

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cluding China, are not willing to take such a step.

This, it is thought, will not prevent the condemnation of Soviet Russia, and it is expected that the final resolution will leave it open to League members to take any action they think fit to help Finland.

This procedure was followed in the case of China's appeal against Japan.

"Do Your Duty"

GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, addressing the Assembly, said that all he wanted was to ask the League if it was possible for all civilisation to help Finland.

That sympathy which had been shown throughout the world should be put in a concrete form, said M. Holsti, who concluded by declaring: "Do your duty to the Finnish people as they are doing theirs, and doing it heavily with blood."

Armistice Proposed

GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Committee of Thirteen appointed by the Assembly to consider Finland's appeal have decided to send telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki proposing an immediate cessation of hostilities to be followed by peace negotiations under the auspices of the League.

A period of 24 hours is given to both parties for a reply.

Addressing the Assembly, M. Holsti said that Finland wanted more than sympathy and tears. She had shed enough tears of her own.

In the face of aggression they needed more than sympathy. "We are fighting a battle for the defence of the rights of man. We ask for the help of all men of goodwill. We cannot defend the people against the shells and gas of our aggressors by a mere international resolution."

"If you help us, all men will bless you as the defenders of civilisation." M. Holsti then quoted parts from speeches made from the same Tribune by M. Lilius, the former Soviet Foreign Commissioner, in which he had condemned aggression by other countries.

M. Holsti's moving appeal was warmly applauded. The Committee, which includes Poland, met privately immediately after its appointment.

M. Under, of Sweden, proposed the despatch of telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki. He was supported by the delegates of Eire, France and some other countries.

The telegrams added that the Finnish Government had already accepted League mediation.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the British delegate, said that the Committee must be under no illusion with regard to the result of their efforts.

It was on Mr. Butler's proposal that a time limit was fixed for a reply.

Meanwhile he has suggested that the Commission should continue its labours and draft a resolution as though the appeal was not hanging in the balance.

Xmas Decorations Simpler

MONTREAL.—Christmas tree decorations in Canadian homes may be simpler this year because of the war. Unless merchants can fill retail demand from stocks, ornaments will not be available. Most of them are made in Germany.

Students Support Allies

CLEVELAND.—A survey by the Case Tech, student publication of Case School of Applied Science, has shown that 432 students of 636 voting believe in a U. S. cash-and-carry plan during the European war. The survey showed that 509 students favoured the cause of Great Britain and France, and 409 were against personal involvement in the war.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

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Japan	Dec. 14
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Manila	Dec. 14
Shanghai and Amoy	Dec. 14
Straits	Dec. 14
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Hai Phong	Dec. 15
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Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 18
Straits and Manila	Dec. 18

OUTWARD MAILS

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Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
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Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
Manila, Makassar and Surabaya.

Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Swatow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Hai Phong	1 p.m.
Straits (Parcels only)	1.10 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	1.30 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France and Northern Provinces only by "Air France Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st December.

Reg.	Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 13, 5.30 p.m.
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Reg.	Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
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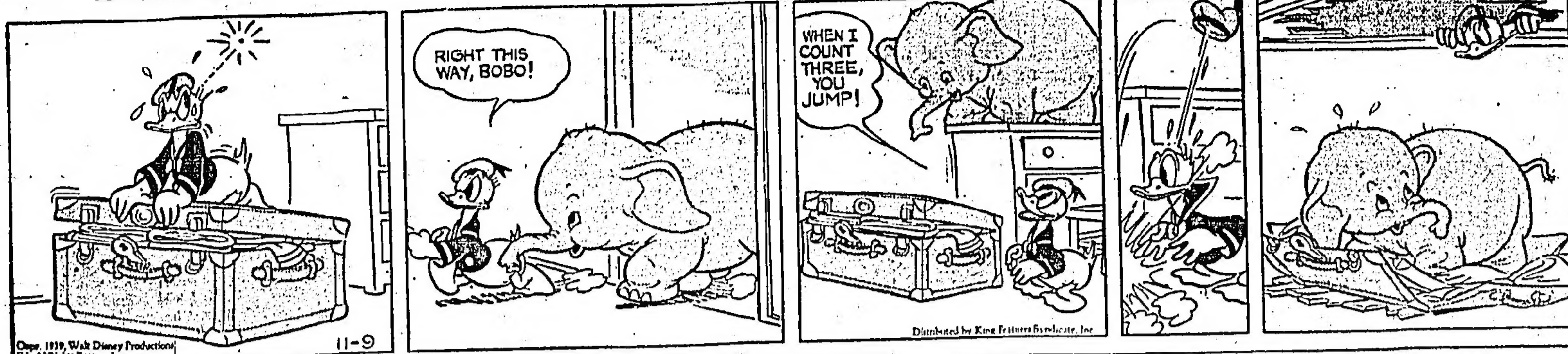
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12.30 Songs by Connie Boswell. Heart and Soul (from 'A Song is Born'); Outside of Paradise (from the film); I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart (Ellington and Others).

12.40 Hawaiian Numbers by Roy Snick and His Serenaders.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Colegerie Taylor.

Christmas—Overture—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Songs of the Sea—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. "Ottello"—Suite—New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Spring Had Come (from 'Hawthorne'). Elaine Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Life and Death—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

1.30 Heuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down—The News.

6.00 Wagner's "Die Valkure" Act I. Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Siegmund—Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde—Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding—Emanuel List (Bass) with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 A Light Orchestral Concert.

Summer Day's Suite (Eric Coates) Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates. "Tic-Tac-Toe" Entracte (Vienna). Shy Serenade (Geo. Scott-Wood). New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. Impression D'Orient—Descriptive (Amadei). Souvenir D'Ukraine—Descriptive (Ferraris). Armando Di Piramo and His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.04 Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

Eugen Onegin—Waltz (Tschalkowsky). Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt).

8.15 Studio—Piano Recital of Liszt.

Compositions by Luba Shafitain.

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Petrarcha, 3. Soirees de Vienne (Schubert-Liszt).

8.40 Charpentier—Impressions D'Italie—Suite.

Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Gustave Charpentier.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Dance Music.

10.30 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) and Tito Schipa (Tenor).

La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul).

Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra; Tangos: Buen Amigo; Night on the La Plata (Juan Llorens and His Tango Orchestra); Grandadina (Calleja-Berrera).

Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra; Tangos: Tango Mio; Sierra Chica (Juan Llorens and His Tango Orchestra); La Zingarella (Falsiolo); Pastora (Murillo-Mitenda).

Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Sister Sadie Tore Dress For Bandages HEROINE OF SIMON BOLIVAR SINKING

Train That Crossed No Man's Land

BASLE.—The arrival of a French train which steamed right through no-man's-land caused more excitement in this border city for a while recently than all the reports of impending big offensives on the western front.

A guard at the deserted French side of the international station saw the train coming up from France and did a Paul Herve dash to the Swiss side to gasp out the news to the authorities.

An amazed crowd gathered to watch the engine chug-chug calmly in with its long line of freight cars. The dusty international station had not heard a single toot of a railroad whistle since it was closed at the end of August.

The train had come from Mulhouse through the no-man's-land between the Maginot Line and the big guns of the German forts, which are across the Rhine almost within slingshot distance of the tracks. The civilian population of the area had been moved out long since and now it is filled with soldiers, barbed wire, anti-tank fields, machine-gun nests and all the paraphernalia of modern front lines.

The engineer swung down from the cab with a nonchalance he soon lost under excited questioning by railroad officials.

"We had a lot of stuff consigned to Switzerland sitting in the freight station at Mulhouse so I thought I might as well bring it along," he said.

AS the Simon Bolivar went down a woman in a tattered, oil-blackened nurse's uniform strove among the dying and injured.

When she could do no more she gathered children together, found their parents, helped them into lifeboats.

Even when she, herself almost exhausted, sought refuge in a ship's boat her work did not end.

Many in the boat had broken limbs or had been wounded by flying splinters of steel and wood.

The nurse tore strips of her dress to bind their injuries, smashed an old fish-box to make splints, gave comfort to grief-stricken women.

It was only when she reached an East Coast port and grateful survivors sought to find out her name that she broke down, shook her head and sobbed.

After that they spoke of her as the "unknown nurse," and because of her coolness and the oil that covered her face and matted her hair, they thought she must have been a middle-aged woman.

To-day they can learn the name of the nameless nurse. She is not a middle-aged woman. She is only 24, just 5 ft. tall, and fresh from completing her training in an Edinburgh hospital.

She is Sadie Ogilvie, a Lanarkshire girl, whose home is in Watson-street, Motherwell.

But that is not how she will be known from now on. Her new name will be "Sister Sadie of the Bolivar."

"First Voyage"

RECENTLY a Daily Mail reporter found Sister Sadie, slight and dark-haired, at the house in The Drive, Crossgates, Leeds, where she is staying with the mother of Mr. Charles Bridgwood, 35-years-old engineer, who was also saved from the Simon Bolivar.

Sister Sadie, on her way to a nursing appointment in Barbados, was talking to Mr. Bridgwood in the smoke-room when the first mine exploded.

"It was the first time I had ever been to sea," she said, "and I was so excited exploring the ship that I never thought of mines or anything like that."

"Children were lying on the deck, people strolling about, when the first crash of the explosion came. We were flung down. People were screaming and groaning. Children were crying. Some were terror-stricken because they had lost their parents. It was the children I thought of first."

"I gathered a few of them together, quietened them somehow, and took them all along to the boats. The ship was sinking fast. A steward with both legs broken was lying on the deck. I tried to drag him to the boats, but could not."

"Mrs. Marriott, whom I had met on board, was lying with an injured arm. Her three-years-old daughter Sally had run across the deck. I picked her up."

"We were able to struggle across the sloping deck to one of the boats. It pulled clear just before the ship sank."

"The second explosion had torn away derricks and steelwork."

"My Job"

"JUST as we were pulling clear a man leapt into the boat and almost capsized it."

"Some of the people were hysterical, and it looked as if the boat would go over. So, although I do not suppose many of them understood me, I told them to keep quiet and take things calmly."

"There was a tiny eight-months-old baby which had to be spoiled. But gradually I got things straightened out as possible."

"Then somebody produced a whisky bottle, and I passed it round. That did a lot of good."

"After an hour or so we were picked up by a trawler. Other boats had been picked up, too."

"I was glad to be so busy, because I never had a chance to feel a bit scared. Anyway, it was my job."

Another Ship Sunk

London, Dec. 11.

The Admiralty announces that the drifter Ray of Hope, attached to the British Navy, was sunk by a mine yesterday afternoon.—United Press.

Nine Believed Dead

London, Dec. 11.

Four of the crew were killed when the ship was blown up. Five are missing and three were rescued.

The Captain, who was on the bridge, was blown clear of the vessel and swam for two hours before he was rescued by a trawler which also picked up the other two survivors, all of whom are now receiving hospital treatment.—Reuter Bulletin.

WILLOW POOL LOST

London, Dec. 11.

The British steamer Willow Pool, 4,815 tons, has been sunk by a mine. The crew of 36 were landed on the east coast.—Reuter.

THE WEEK'S LOSSES

London, Dec. 11.

For the week ended December 9, seven British ships were sunk, totalling 33,518 tons.

The neutrals lost eight vessels totalling 26,612 tons.—Reuter Special.

Four Given up as Lost

London, Dec. 11.

It is officially announced that four British ships totalling over 22,000 tons are long overdue and must be considered lost.

They are the Ashlea, Newton Beech, Huntsman and Trevanion.—Reuter.

JERSEY MISSING LIST

London, Dec. 11.

The Admiralty announces the casualty list of H.M.S. Jersey, which was torpedoed on Thursday.

Two officers and eight ratings who are missing are believed to have been killed. Two officers and 10 ratings were injured.

The missing officers are Commd. Gunner G. L. Lucas and Lieut. J. Le C. Morris.—United Press.

Ban On Nazi Aviators

WASHINGTON.

The Colombian Government has, on its own initiative, taken steps to see that German Reserve pilots do not serve in its air lines. It was announced by the United States State Department to-day. About 20 of these men have been replaced and will not be permitted to resume such duties in the future.

Such precautionary measures adopted by Colombia are welcomed by the United States, inasmuch as they contribute to the safety of the Panama Canal. Colombia lies to the south of the Panama Republic.

The relations between Colombia and the United States have never been more cordial, it was emphasised by the Department, which denied that the United States had exerted any pressure on Colombia to bring about the desired results.

ALL NOISY ON THE WORD WAR FRONT: IT'S RADIO JAMMING

By A Radio Correspondent

WHOLESALE jamming of both B.B.C. and Nazi short-wave broadcasting stations, reported by scores of listeners, may be the beginning of a jamming war.

Stations affected are mainly those used for broadcasting news in English to South and East Africa. But if the deliberate jamming persists there will certainly be retaliatory jamming on both sides with neither Germany nor Britain able to get a broadcast through to Africa.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Rates continue to show some improvement and the undertone of the market is steady to firm.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,330
Bank of East Asia \$71
Canton Ins: \$210
Union Ins: \$390
Douglases \$71
Docks \$19.10
Providents \$4.20
H. & S. Hotels \$4.65
Lands \$33
Hampreys \$7
Chinese Estates \$100
Tramways \$16.30
Yauwatt Ferries \$23 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$7.85
Electricity \$91 1/2
Sundukin Lights \$11 1/2
Telephone (Old) \$24 1/2
Telephone (New) \$8
Cements \$15 1/2
Ropes \$5.30
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20 1/2
Dairy Farms (New) \$19 1/2
Watsons \$8.35
Entertainments \$8.35
Constructions (Old) \$19 1/2

Sellers

Canton Ins: \$220
Providents \$4.45
Tramways \$16 1/2
H.K. Bank \$1,340
Providents \$4.32 1/2
Star Ferries \$67
Electricity \$51 1/2
Telephone (Old) \$24 1/2/25
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Then It Was Moscow

Cutting out the B.B.C.'s broadcasts is a noise similar to that which the Nazis use to try to drown the Freedom Station and which at one period they used successfully to jam Moscow.

That which cuts out German stations is equally distinctive on account of a superimposed twittering.

Both forms of jamming "spread" considerably over the tuning dial, with the result that stations on adjacent wavelengths are also affected.

So far there has been no deliberate jamming on medium waves. Such jamming, it is thought, would not prevent home listening and would in any case induce retaliatory jamming with consequent unpleasant (but not impossible) listening in both Britain and Germany.

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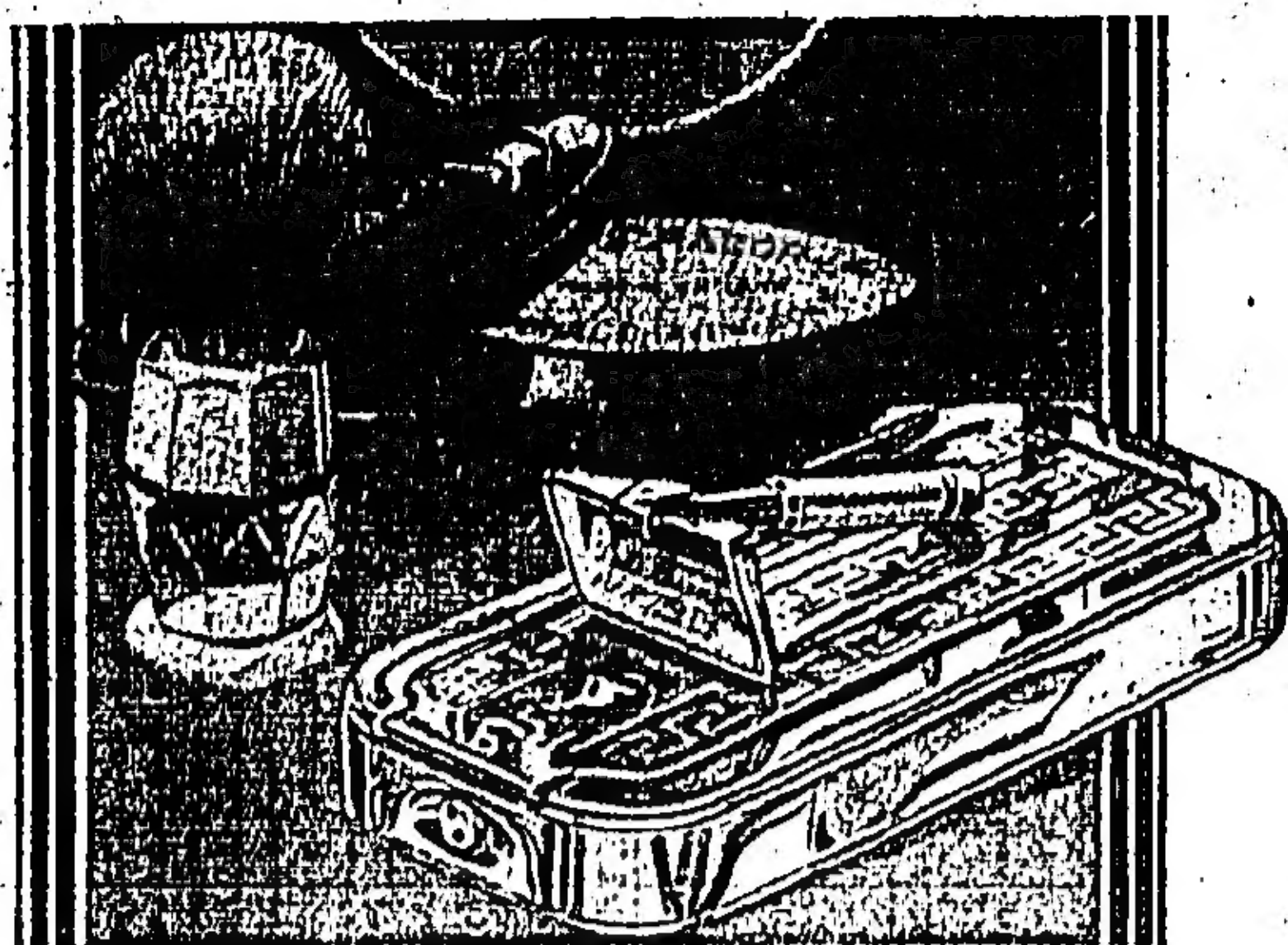
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Dear December:

YOU'RE the last month of the year, but in some respects the first. You must be merry—no other month has Christmas. Yet you're a wonderful month anyway. And more wonderful because Christmas is all your own—whether you are decked with poinsettias or icicles. You're a happy month from Greenland's icy mountains to the plains of Australia.

Isn't it wonderful, when you stop to think of it, that happiness doesn't depend on latitude or longitude, on temperature or climate?

Do you mind my telling you where we would like best to be with you? In the Homeland, among snow-laden pines, where skating ponds glisten and ring with laughter, and fireplaces fuse families into new bonds of cheer and happiness. And, say: If we adults like you, how must the children love you! Frost and fairies. Reindeer and dreams. Anticipation and realization. From the fjords of Norway to the veldts of South Africa, glad greetings.

Nazi Confession

Resort to the air arm and magnetic mines for destruction of merchant vessels is a confession that submarines have disappointed the Nazi leaders.

The facts are grim for them. Air bombing or the use of "pirate" mines is imperative if there are to be any hope that war on our ships would frighten us and threaten neutrals and, perhaps most important, encourage the German people.

Mr. Hore-Belisha recently defined three courses possible to Nazism. It may try to smash through by sea and air, it may wait for an allied offensive, it may try to lure us into the discussion of terms of peace. Who can guess all the possibilities of distracted Nazi counsels?

We must expect to endure stern hours. Great issues are for decision. The strength of a powerful nation under the orders of men who have declared to acknowledge no right but force is arrayed against Britain and the Empire and France. One thing about the future of the conflict is clear and certain. Time is on our side.

DECEMBER 1, 1938.—The Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. F. Blunt, in an address to his diocesan conference, says: "The benefit of the King's Coronation depends, under God . . . on the faith, prayer and self-dedication of the King himself, and on that it would be improper for me to say anything except command him . . . to God's grace, which he will so abundantly need, as we all need it—for the King is a man like ourselves—if he is to do his duty faithfully."

"We hope he is aware of his need. Some of us wish he gave more positive signs of such awareness."

DECEMBER 2.—The Bishop of Bradford says his address was not intended as a rebuke, adds: "What I had reference to was the fact that, to all outward appearance, the King seems to live entirely indifferently to the public practice of religion."

DECEMBER 3.—It is announced that "an acute Constitutional crisis" has arisen because of the King's intention to marry Mrs. Simpson.

DECEMBER 4.—Mr. Baldwin, in the House, says the woman the King married would necessarily become Queen.

DECEMBER 7.—Empire Parliaments summoned. Mrs. Simpson issues a statement that she is willing to withdraw from "a situation which has been rendered both unhappy and untenable."

DECEMBER 8.—Mr. Baldwin has his sixth conference with the King at Fort Belvedere.

DECEMBER 9.—Members of the

Royal Family meet at Royal Lodge, Windsor, Fort Belvedere and Marlborough House.

DECEMBER 10.—The King's abdication, and the Duke of York's succession announced in Parliament. MAY 28, 1937.—Announcement in the London Gazette that the Duke of Windsor will still hold the title "His Royal Highness," but that the prefix "HR.H." will not extend to Mrs. Simpson on her marriage, or to any possible children. JUNE 3.—Marriage of the Duke and Mrs. Simpson.

KING GEORGE VI YESTERDAY COMPLETED Three Courageous Years

ON the afternoon of December 11, 1936, the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, had an audience of the King at 145, Piccadilly.

That announcement in the Court Circular told the country that King George VI had succeeded King Edward VIII.

It was three days before King George's 41st birthday, and he was the 41st monarch in succession from William the Conqueror.

That night King George dined with Prince Edward at Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park, with Queen Mary, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, and the Earl and Countess of Athlone.

After dinner Prince Edward drove to Windsor Castle and delivered his farewell broadcast, and at 1 a.m. King George returned to his house in Piccadilly. Later that day he gave his first audience at Buckingham Palace to Sir John Simon, which was followed by his first Privy Council at St. James's Palace. This was the Accession Council.

On his birthday, December 14, in reply to the Lords' Address, presented to him by the Earl of Cromer, King George said:

"You may be assured that it is my determination to do all that lies within my power to safeguard the liberties of my people and to promote their prosperity and contentment."

It is only when we recall the pregnant circumstances in which these words were delivered that the stereotyped phrases of royal eloquence become fraught with majesty.

The love of the people of the Empire for King George VI does not depend on any words of his, and infinitely less does it depend on any words uttered by his anxious advisers.

That love came once for all when a man without personal ambition assumed the responsibility of the mightiest throne in the world because he believed it to be his duty.

I HAD the honour in 1932 of assisting as Rector of Glasgow University at the conferment of honorary degrees on the Duke and Duchess of York.

These occasions are always an anxious business for the chief figures. His Royal Highness laid me out by asking why there were not the same number of windows on one side of the Chapel as on the other.

"It offends my sense of symmetry," he said.

I was unable to offer any explanation, but presently the Duke discovered for himself that it was due to a building on the other side, and I was able to assure him with perfect sincerity that he knew a great deal more about architecture than I did.

I had the honour of sitting next to the Duchess at lunch in the university after the ceremony, and I think I was never more surprised in my life than when she told me that she had listened to the broadcast of my Rectorial Address (nearly an hour long).

I realised from that what a passionate interest she must have in Scottish affairs.

And when on that critical September, I listened to the broadcast speech of her Majesty, I could not help thinking that whatever she meant to the Empire she meant just a little more to her own Scotland.

broadcast I have ever heard from a woman's lips:

"I have, however, a message for you from the King. He bids the people of this country be of good cheer in spite of the dark clouds hanging over the whole world."

"He knows well that, as ever before in critical times, they will keep cool heads and brave hearts."

Even in this swift and crowded world of to-day we have not had time to forget so entirely the events of recent days as not to feel an added warmth from this Christmas now close at hand.

It was unfortunate that the first months of King George's reign were marked by a campaign of calumny against his elder brother. One could wish that some of the Privy Counsellors to whom at Buckingham Palace he said: "I have suffered a very real loss by the decision of my brother, for by his going I am deprived of a close friendship which I valued highly," did not move themselves more actively to silence that campaign.

We must be charitable, and ascribe it to a misguided loyalty, and let me repeat, an utterly unnecessary apprehensiveness about the Coronation. There is no need to remind readers, for whom the triumph of the Coronation, on May 12, 1937, is a bright memory, how unnecessary that apprehensiveness was.

ON the Glorious First of June, the King created Mr. Baldwin an Earl and a Knight of the Garter.

Two days later the King and Queen telephoned their congratulations to the Duke of Windsor on his marriage.

On August 3 the King flew to his camp for public school and working boys at Southwold in Suffolk, and we were all of us relieved that at last it looked as if his holiday had begun.

The rest of the summer and early autumn was spent at Balmoral, but by October 20 he was touring the West Riding, and at Leeds was having to look at gas-masks at an A.R.P. show, where he was able to tell his listeners that the gas-masks in the war "had pinched your nose."

One can imagine what he felt at the thought of all this miserable paraphernalia of human folly and wickedness on show again.

His speech at the Opening of Parliament lasted for 13 minutes, and

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those who had any doubts about the quality of his elocution doubted no more.

It was a busy autumn. The King and Queen of Bulgaria were received at the beginning of November.

On Armistice Day people listening to the broadcast heard suddenly over the silence shrieks and the clatter of horses.

Later that month, on November 16, the King greeted King Leopold of Belgium at Victoria, and at the banquet in Buckingham Palace said to his royal visitor: "Your visits to these shores will have enabled you to see for yourself how strong are the bonds of mutual interests and of common ideals which bind this country with your own."

On November 24 he received a number of Italian ex-Servicio men and on November 29 he gave a lunch to M.M. Chautemps and Delbos at the conclusion of the Anglo-French talks.

His 42nd birthday was celebrated at Buckingham Palace by a children's party given by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

On Christmas Day the King broadcast from Sandringham. He said he could not aspire to take his father's place, but, "as this is the first Christmas since our Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to send you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you gave us from every corner of the Empire during this unforgettable year now drawing to its end."

AND then came this unforgettable year of 1938, with war clouds gathering all over Europe. In February Mr. Eden resigned from the Foreign Office.

In May the King opened the Glasgow Exhibition.

In June he and the Queen were on the point of setting out for the visit to Paris when the Countess of Strathmore died, and the visit had to be postponed until July 19.

That visit to Paris must have been a wonderful assurance to the King and Queen of their personal safety in this difficult time, and once again it is meet to insist on the vital part played by the Queen on that historic occasion.

Then came last September and the end of that crisis, when Mr. Chamberlain returned from Munich and the King led him out on to the balcony of Buckingham Palace to acknowledge the greetings of the great crowd below—the first time that any King has shared an ovation with his Prime Minister, and a poignant illustration of the relief and gratitude he must have felt.

Their Victims Ask For A Square Deal

BRITISH seamen, who face the terrors of the U-boat as well as the normal dangers of the sea, feel they are not getting a fair deal regarding compensation for injuries.

Sufferers through enemy action are particularly bitter. They say that the regulations under which they are compensated deprives them of their rights at common law. Instead of being paid wages while incapacitated, as any other workmen would be under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, they receive merely a temporary allowance based on the degree of disability.

They point out, also, that any disability prevents them from getting another ship.

Among the instances referred to the National Union of Seamen are cases from the torpedoed Athenia.

15s. A Week.

One is of a stewardess, who would normally earn about £40 a month. Her disability has been assessed at 20 per cent, and she is being paid 15s. a week.

A male member of the crew, similarly assessed, is being paid 22s. 6d. a week.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the union to get this altered, and it is also asking for a revision of the compensation for lost kit.

Evidence was shown to the "Daily Herald" that to provide a new kit of essentials would cost a deckhand practically £18, just twice the amount he receives.

Men who sailed before the outbreak of war are particularly hard hit, as they carried many things they would not have had with them had they known of the danger of losing it.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I have the grandest new press agent—I've been robbed of my jewels, my house burned down and I received three extortion notes—all in one week!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Japanese Air Monopoly

PEIPING, Dec. 1 (Domest).—The charter of the China Airways Company, the semi-official organ which will monopolize commercial aviation in the Japanese-occupied areas in China, was promulgated yesterday by the Peking Provisional Government. The Reformed Government of Nanjing and the Federated Autonomy Government of Mongolia simultaneously.

The Company is capitalised at yen 50,000,000, of which one-quarter is paid up, and is entitled to issue debentures up to twice its paid-up capital, redemption of these being guaranteed by the Governments concerned.

It is proposed to start new regular air services between Shanghai and Canton, Dairen and Shanghai, Peking and Hankow, Hankow and Canton, Tsingtao and Tientsin, Tsingtao and Kailang, and Shanghai to Hangchow and Nanking, in addition to the existing lines between Peking and Dairen, Peking and Shanghai and Shanghai to Hankow.

VATICAN TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Rome, Dec. 11. A secret Consistory met at 10 a.m. in the Consistorial Hall and was attended by 24 Cardinals.

The Cardinals unanimously approved of the canonisation of the nurse, Marie Feleatrice and Gemma Galgani.

It is stated on unimpeachable authority that the Pope imparted directives to the Cardinals on their stands in their respective posts all over the world, in the face of Communism and neo-paganism, and similar trends away from the Church.

It is understood he specially deplored the danger of Communism and atheism spreading in Europe as a result of the Russo-Finnish conflict.—United Press.

Cardinal Camerlengo

Vatican City, Dec. 10. At a secret Consistory held by the Pope, Cardinal Lauri appointed Cardinal Camerlengo to take over the administration of the affairs of the Holy See in the event of the death of the Pontiff.—Reuter.

WORKERS STRIKE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 11. The labour disputes precipitated by the rising commodity prices are finally threatening four leading department stores on Nanking Road with general strikes.

Increasing signs of uneasiness are reported among the employees of the Sun Company, the Sincere, the Sun Sun, and the Wing On Companies with the approach of Christmas.

Representatives of the 700 employees of the Sun Company on Saturday presented a 4-point demand for wage increases to Mr. Chey Chong, General Manager of the Company. As the employers failed to give satisfactory replies, the employees went on a strike on Sunday afternoon.

The employees of the Sincere Company also served demands for wage increases on Friday, threatening to start a general strike on Monday unless their demands were satisfied immediately.

The employees of the Wing On Company are also reported to be demanding better treatment, setting Wednesday as the zero hour, while restive sentiments are apparent among the workers in the Sun Sun Company.—Domest.

Among the stores above-mentioned the Sun Sun Company is the only one without a branch in Hongkong.

Sincere Strikers

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Eight hundred employees of the Sincere Company, Shanghai's oldest department store, began a sit-down strike yesterday and refused to leave the building.

The men remained in the building all night and were still on strike this morning.

They demanded a rice allowance, an enlarged year-end bonus on a share-profit basis, and guarantees there will be no dismissals on account of the strike.—United Press.

War on Profiteering

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Threatening them with deportation, the authorities of the International Settlement and the French Concession have warned rice dealers against profiteering.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 bales of rice available, but a good part of it is owned by Chinese bankers, who made much profit in these dealings.—Wai Kiu Yat Po.

FINNS FIGHT BRAVELY WHILE AWAITING AID

United States Granting Big Credits: British Suggestion Examined

The Finns are maintaining undiminished resistance against the Red Army on all fronts and the only retreats made have been in the Karelian sectors where small territory has been gained by the invaders at great loss. It appears that the Mannerheim Line is mainly intact and attempted landings at Petsamo in the north, and on the south coast, have not been successful.

The Times has published an article suggesting that Britain and France do all they can to help Finland short of declaring war on Russia. Immediate aid should be given to the Finnish air force to ensure its ability to defend the country. The United States has granted a credit of ten million dollars.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11. The correspondent of the National Tidende at the Finnish frontier states headway is being made in the fighting taking place in the Arctic twilight near Petsamo with the aid of powerful searchlights flooding the battlefield.

The correspondent says the Finns are standing firm.—Reuter.

Russians Poorly Equipped. Helsinki, Dec. 11. The Finns are fighting back strongly in the important Rovaniemi sector in northern Finland against strong Russian attacks, according to reports from that district this morning.

The Finns have taken Russian prisoners, many with poor equipment and only the flimsiest uniforms to withstand the icy cold in a temperature which is now subzero.—Reuter.

Favourable Position in South. Helsinki, Dec. 11. The Finns appear to be entrenched for the winter in the west sector of the Karelian front, 50 kilometres from Viipuri, and have thus drawn the Russians into favourable defence positions which they believe they can hold without withdrawing to the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns control the time and place of any battle in this area as long as the Russians continue to advance.—United Press.

Soviet Claims Successes. Moscow, Dec. 11. A communique claims that the Russians have advanced seven kilometres on all fronts in the Ukhia sector of the occupied Juungsuo.

In the Poroszero sector, the village of Jojonala was taken. In the Karelian Isthmus the villages of Boboshing and Kirikubulov were occupied.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETING

Chungking, Dec. 11. A Chinese despatch from Geneva says Dr. Wellington Koo, head of the Chinese delegation to the League Assembly, is maintaining the closest contact with the Soviet, British and French representatives.

He has probably informed them of the attitude China is going to take at the meetings and is also exchanging views with them regarding the election of members of the League Council.—Reuter.

Condemning Invasion

Geneva, Dec. 10. It is believed certain that the League Assembly meeting will adopt a resolution condemning the Soviet military operations in Finland.

The Argentine motion to expel Soviet Russia from the League has been supported by the delegates of other Latin American countries following informal discussions during the past days. Some circles believe that there is still a chance of the expulsion measure passing the Assembly session.

Informed quarters consider it unlikely that the present sessions will decide on any economic or financial sanctions against Soviet Russia in invocation of the Covenant.

It is also believed likely that the Assembly session will adopt a resolution inviting the member States to assist Finland in defending its independence.—Domest.

Extraordinary Interest

Geneva, Dec. 11. Extraordinary interest is manifested in today's meeting of the League Assembly. This is evident from the large number of journalists attending, especially German and Italian.

Fifteen German correspondents are here, notwithstanding the fact that the German press is only permitted to carry the German official version of the League activities.—Reuter.

Short Morning Session

Geneva, Dec. 11. Mr. Humber, of Norway, who was elected President of the League Assembly this morning, said that they had met to hear the appeal of a member State which is threatened by another and is defending with impressive heroism its right to liberty and even existence.

The Assembly must see that its expectations from the solidarity of the League are not disappointed. The Assembly adjourned until the afternoon.—Reuter.

NAZI BALTIC FLIGHTS

Stockholm, Dec. 11. It is reported here that German planes have been carrying out reconnaissance flights in the Baltic.—Reuter.

British Suggestion

London, Dec. 11. Discussing the Finnish issue at Geneva, The Times in a leading article says the ideal course would be for all League members to decide to take up arms together if any of them were attacked by Russia, Germany or any other State. The present war would then end swiftly; but that ideal was unlikely to be reached.

The Times enumerates the difficulties of the smaller countries and adds that a special responsibility rested with Great Britain and France who were deeply concerned for the survival of small nations. Britain and France had undertaken so large a task already that it was clearly unwise to dissipate their efforts to such an extent as to interfere with their main strategic plan.

It would be folly to go to war with a country stretching from the Baltic to the Behring Sea, proceeds The Times, but Russia, according to her own accounts, is not warring with Finland. There was much therefore, short of war, that could and must be done by other countries to help Finland. So magnificently were the Finns fighting that only a small diversion of British and French resources should ensure their triumph in the air and consequently, in defence. If Finland is to be saved she must be saved now. The Times concludes.—Reuter Special.

America Gives Credit

Washington, Dec. 10. Mr. Jesse Jones, Administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced that the Export-Import Bank has arranged to establish a credit up to \$10,000,000 to enable Finland to purchase surplus United States foods and other civilian supplies.

The credits, which have been approved by President Roosevelt, will favour the Finnish-American Trading Corporation, a firm which the Finnish Minister to America, M. Procopé, has organised.

Mr. Jones said that the United States was considering a similar credit for Norway.—United Press.

Similar To China Loan

Washington, Dec. 11. The loan to Finland is similar to the extension of a \$25,000,000 credit of the Universal Trading Corporation for the Chinese Government.

Mr. Jones discussed the matter some time last week when he conferred with the President, who had previously proposed financial aid by placing the scheduled war debt payment in a special fund on which they could draw.—United Press.

German Donal

Moscow, Dec. 11. Diplomats attach significance to the Tass despatch from Stockholm quoting British sources as saying that Germany recently sold large quantities of munitions to Finland.

German circles here say that the situation has been misunderstood. In Berlin the German News Agency categorically denies that Germany has delivered arms to Finland, stating that this is an attempt to disturb German-Russian relations.—United Press.

Shaukiwan Fire

A matched, covering an area of about 120 square feet, situated near Island Road, Shaukiwan, was destroyed yesterday shortly after 10 p.m. The matched was used by contractors as a kitchen. Men staying in the adjoining huts quickly poured buckets of water around the perimeter of the matched to localise the fire.

Fire appliances were on the scene a few minutes after the alarm. No casualties were reported.

JAPAN EXPLAINS NEW ORDER

Tokyo, Dec. 11. The China Affairs Committee attached to the China Affairs Board, today unanimously adopted the basic principles of the proposed New Order in East Asia in reply to the questions referred to it by Premier Abe in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee.

The measure outlining the basic ideas of the new East Asian order reads in substance as follows: The New Order of East Asia should be composed of such fundamental characteristics as joint defence of East Asia, the liquidation of the systems of Imperialistic domination, the establishment of an Asiatic co-operative relationship, and the promotion of a new Oriental culture, while it should be designed to effectuate the solidification of co-relationships between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

The new economic order to be established in East Asia must reject the exploitive domination of Occidental Imperialism on the one hand, and on the other it must restrain the selfish, monopolistic activity on the part of Japan. In the new order, China must be converted from the objective of Powers' vassals into a paradise of mutual prosperity for the Asiatic peoples.

To make China complete its conditions as a modern independent country at once in name and in substance, it is an indispensable requisite for China to undertake and fulfil its share of obligations in the construction of a new order as one pillar of the East Asian axis.

Japan's Assistance

Japan should be ready to extend unstinted assistance to China in achieving the latter's aspirations for the new order.

The new order of East Asia, however, will never mean to reject the legitimate international activities of well-meaning third Powers, and there should be no apprehensions for refusing friendly co-operation by third countries in the economic and cultural developments of East Asia.

What Japan desires for the enormous sacrifices in the course of the prosecution of the China Affair is not territorial cession or indemnity but only the construction of a new order in East Asia.

The methods of subjugating other peoples and dominating them forcefully will not conform to the supreme rulings of the Imperial Way which are inherent in the hearts of the Japanese people. The Imperial Way of Japan shares the same essential principles with the Kingly Way of China.

From the viewpoint of the Imperial Way which regards the universe as a joint house, it will never make wise statecraft to appoint East Asia as the exclusive scope for a single people and aspire for hasty achievements.

In the modern world where Nationalism has already made its full progress, it is a dangerous world policy to think lightly of nationalistic ideas, and Japan's world-wide statecraft should necessarily be conducted in the direction of acting as a leader in organising a union of different peoples based on autonomous co-operation.

Realising Ideal. Thus the construction of a new East Asian order through the harmonisation and collaboration of Japan, Manchukuo and China is to realise the ideal and spirit inspiring the founding of the Japanese Empire on the East Asian Continent.

In order to enunciate such basic principles of the new East Asian order, the Government should instruct the military and civil officials to make their significance pervade all sections of the nation through the activities of various organs of education and public opinion and scientific thought and cultural organisations in the country, as well as various national undertakings.

Adequate measures should also be instituted to make these ideas clear abroad.

It is necessary ultimately to make the construction of a new order the national movements of Japan, Manchukuo and China.—Domest.

Train Canadian Fliers. EDMONTON, Alta.—Training fliers for the Empire in Canada will prove a mighty factor in the prosecution of the war, but it should have been agreed to 18 months ago when Britain suggested it, in the opinion of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, senate leader.

Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength: Constable 1333 Lai Yim, 1330 Lam Wai-ke, 1331 Ng Yee-chun, 1332 Ng Chai-ying, 1333 Peter Yeung, 1330 Chan Wing-tat, and 1331 Chan Hung-ping. Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve. Strength.—The following have been taken on the strength: Constables 1333 A. P. Pereira, 1334 A. P. Pereira, 1335 A. P. Pereira, 1336 A. P. Pereira, 1337 A. P. Pereira, 1338 A. P. Pereira, 1339 A. P. Pereira, 1340 A. P. Pereira, 1341 A. P. Pereira, 1342 A. P. Pereira, 1343 A. P. Pereira, 1344 A. P. Pereira, 1345 A. P. Pereira, 1346 A. P. Pereira, 1347 A. P. Pereira, 1348 A. P. Pereira, 1349 A. P. Pereira, 1350 A. P. Pereira, 1351 A. P. Pereira, 1352 A. P. Pereira, 1353 A. P. Pereira, 1354 A. P. Pereira, 1355 A. P. Pereira, 1356 A. P. Pereira, 1357 A. P. Pereira, 1358 A. P. Pereira, 1359 A. P. Pereira, 1360 A. P. Pereira, 1361 A. P. Pereira, 1362 A. P. Pereira, 1363 A. P. Pereira, 1364 A. P. Pereira, 1365 A. P. Pereira, 1366 A. P. Pereira, 1367 A. P. Pereira, 1368 A. P. Pereira, 1369 A. P. Pereira, 1370 A. P. Pereira, 1371 A. P. Pereira, 1372 A. P. Pereira, 1373 A. P. Pereira, 1374 A. P. Pereira, 1375 A. P. Pereira, 1376 A. P. Pereira, 1377 A. P. Pereira, 1378 A. 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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

IMPROVED BATTING BY RECREIO

Changes Of Fortune At Happy Valley: Time For Drawing Stumps

THERE WAS PLENTY of cricket last Saturday, and at least one close finish down at the Valley, but perhaps the most surprising thing of the afternoon was the batting form of the Recreio first eleven.

Previously it has been very shaky, and they have usually been pulled out of a hole by one or two individuals, but on Saturday practically everyone shaped well. It is true that the Club bowling was not very good, but I have seen Recreio 90 down before no better stuff.

Going in first they opened with two of the Gosanos J.M. and L.G., who, I discover, answer to Zinho and Luigi. (This solving the Gosano problem was my good deed of the day). Thomson bowled from the Yard end medium fast, but he was very wild, presenting L.G. with a sitting four off the first ball, a long hop wide to leg, Alec Pearce bowled at the other end, and after J.M. had taken a single to extra cover—an excellent shot—L.G. was lucky to edge the ball between the two slips, though it was not a catch.

In Thomson's second over they ran a very short single to cover, and Alec Pearce threw down the bowler's wicket. J.M. got the decision, but I suspect it was the benefit of the doubt. L.G. also survived an appeal for l.b.w. from Thomson who was sending down an occasional good 'un, but providing far too many long hops. Both batsmen seemed entirely comfortable but at 22, L.G., after hooking Thomson to the leg boundary, played over the pitch of a fast one—nearly a yorker I think—and lost his off stump—22-1-10.

RUNS COME STEADILY

E. M. L. SOARES came in and glanced a two to leg and then hit a rank long hop to the leg boundary. The new batsman however was not so happy with Alec Pearce, for being left-handed he was up against leg-breaks. The wicket was taking a lot of spin and the ball popped up awkwardly on occasions. He was lucky to snick one through the slips without actually giving a chance.

At 37, John Pearce relieved Thomson and J.M. banged a full toss very hard to the tent, but then in trying to hook a short one which turned a lot he went across his wicket and was bowled between his legs—41-2-14.

Reed came in and was greeted by a diddapper which he put to leg for one. At this time, Alec Pearce was bowling round the wicket with a leg trap, and sent down a very fine maiden over to Reed. The trouble was he was breaking too much as balls pitched outside the off stump were turning outside the batsman's legs.

A FINE ATTEMPT

IN JOHN PEARCE'S next over Reed hooked one tremendously hard behind square leg—Haynes anticipated the shot and did very well to get to it, but the chance was too hot to hold. Soares rather enjoyed the show (to him) off-breaks, and put one out

Official Times For Drawing Stumps

The following are the official times for drawing stumps:
October 6.15 p.m.
November 6.00 p.m.
December 5.45 p.m.
January 6.00 p.m.
February, March and April 6.15 p.m.

of the ground for six. The fifty went in 37 minutes. Off Alec Pearce's first ball next over Reed went across his wicket, and was l.b.w.—56-3-3. Eddie Gosano came in, and Alec Pearce bowled his second maiden over. The next over was exciting as Soares survived two appeals for l.b.w., and then hit two big fours to leg. But next over he mistimed one and returned a catch to Alec Pearce just when he looked like settling down to a big score—67-4-23.

THEN THE RUNS CAME

SO FAR the Club had not done too badly, but at this point they cracked. Gerry Gosano settled down with E.L., and punished John Pearce for eight in an over, and proceeded to play very nice cricket. Ride relieved the leg break bowler, who had been clean off his length, and his first over was treated with respect. Haynes relieved Alec Pearce who had bowled excellently, and E.L. greeted him by driving him almost straight for six, and then off-driving a four. Both batsmen were quite at home. Fox made a splendid shot at stumping E.L. off a leg ball, but the batsman was in. The century was hoisted, and eight runs later Carey relieved Ride, and effected a separation as E.L. played to a faster one which turned from the off (or so he told me) and clean bowled him—115-5-25, and a very good knock.

THE FINAL STAND

WITH THE ENTRANCE of A. M. Rodrigues, the Club bowling had finally collapsed. G.N. cut Haynes twice very prettily, and is a stylish bat who reminds me of Nazarin a few years ago. 140 was hoisted after an hour and a half's play, and the only excitement was when Rodrigues put a lofted mashie shot over Haynes' head—but it was far too high to reach.

Alec Pearce resumed for Haynes, but Rodrigues took thirteen off his first over. Day relieved Ride but Rodrigues took two fours and a two



Poetry of emotion. An exciting moment for A. Macfarlane, playing No. 3 for St. Andrew's Society, and J. Russell, in the lawn bowls match against St. George's Society on Saturday. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, also affected, and E. V. Scarle are watching the incoming shot. St. George's won by 168 shots to 147.—Home Photos.

Keen Rifle Shooting

Middleweight And Welterweight Title Bouts

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11 (UP).—At Hostak risks the middleweight title against the German, Eric Seelig, in a 15-round bout on Monday. At the same time Henry Armstrong meets Jimmy Garrison in a 10-round fight.

Hostak weighed-in at 159 lbs. and Seelig at 162. Armstrong weighs 138½ lbs. and Garrison 141.

Little Dado As World Flyweight Champion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—The N.B.A. have announced their recognition of Little Dado as flyweight boxing champion of the world. Dado, it is stated, has agreed to meet any opponent selected by the N.B.A., including the first challenger, Enrico Urtizola, who was the winner of the elimination bouts which involved Jackie Jurich, Small Montano and Little Pancho.

off him. Then next over an off drive for four and a lifted shot in the direction of third man (his first bad shot) gave G.N. his fifty. It was a very pretty knock and Rodrigues (40 not out) played excellent cricket as well.

The score was 192—a stand of 77 unbroken for the 5th wicket—when the innings was declared closed.

A COMPLETE COLLAPSE

THE LESS SAID about the Club innings the better. Ride was clean bowled third ball by a good one from E. L. Gosano, while Carey put one from off to mid-off—0-2-0. Divett failed and E. L. got one past Alec Pearce. But for John Pearce, Thomson and Day—the only three to get into double figures—there was a complete procession, and it is true the bowling was very good, and much assisted by the pitch. With the one exception mentioned every one was clean bowled.

Varsity Do Well

I DID NOT SEE the match at Pokfulam, but I have gleaned a few facts. The University bowling was distinctly good though they neglected their ideal opening pair in Gegg and Mahmood. The former bowled excellently to start with, but lost his direction later and was expensive. Mahmood, who went on late, had three for twenty-four, while the Varsity stand-by, R. Singh took six for forty-four.

THE MATCH SAVED

SET TO GET 157, the Varsity saved the match easily enough, but could not win it. It was an encouraging sign that six men got into double figures, and I trust this improvement in the batting will be maintained. For I.R.C., "N. Khan" A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail and A. Ghokar were top scorers. Gegg (29) and J. Tsui (25) let the Varsity score.

Low Scores

THE CLUB SECOND had a very bad day at the Police ground. They had the home side out for 102 (Pope 30), and with the side they had out they should have made the runs easily, but they flopped almost as badly as the first team. Parsons

Ideal Conditions At Stonecutters' On Saturday

FORTY-EIGHT MEMBERS

turned up for the Hongkong Rifle Association's shoot on the Stonecutters' Rifle Range on Saturday when ideal conditions prevailed, there being no wind to contend with while very good light was maintained up the the 600 yards mark.

Sgt. Heap and Sgt. Breese, both of the Royal Naval Range Staff tied in the aperture sights class with a score of 98, although the former secured the Nett spoon with a score of 33 at 600 yards.

Guard of the Dockyard Rifle Club was a close runner up with 97, winning the Handicap spoon, while he also won a "possible" button at 500 yards.

Gillman of the Dockyard Rifle Club again won the open sights class with a score of 98, securing the Nett spoon. The R. A. Castro, of the Hongkong Volunteers, won the Handicap spoon. Leading scores were:

Aperture Sights	200	300	500	600	Tot.
Sgt. H. J. Heap Ser.	31	34	33	36	134
Sgt. G. E. Breese	31	34	33	36	134
J. G. Biles	29	34	31	33	127
L. W. Peckham	29	34	31	33	127
Capt. F. P. Sequeira Ser.	29	34	31	33	127
L. W. Peckham	29	34	31	33	127
L. W. Peckham	29	34	31	33	127
Supt. W. P. Thompson	29	34	31	33	127
H. J. Breese	29	34	31	33	127
A. L. Warburton	29	34	31	33	127
Sigmn. N. J. Booker Nil	29	34	31	33	127

Open Sights

W. K. Gillman 1 29 34 33 36 134
L/Sgt. W. Nunn 4 29 34 33 36 134
Pte. R. A. Castro 1 29 34 33 36 134
L/Cpl. J. F. Salazar 8 29 34 33 36 134
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 5 29 34 33 36 134
H. J. Jones 11 29 34 33 36 134
R. Tynemouth 9 29 34 33 36 134
L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 10 29 34 33 36 134
Pte. N. D. Booker Nil 29 34 33 36 134

(N) winner of nett spoon.
(H) winner of handicap spoon.
(P) winner of possible button.
Winners of spoons have handicaps reduced by one point.

Ireland's Soccer Eleven

The following will represent Ireland against China in the International Cup on December 17, at Carroll Hill, at 3.30 p.m. Moore (R.A.S.C.), Lawton (5th A.A.), Sheehan (Middlesex); Hill (R.A.S.C.), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Fero (R.A.S.C.); Coughlan (5th A.A.), P. Jorge (Kowloon), O'Regan (Navy), Martin (R.A.S.C.), A. Leonard (International), Reserves—Murphy, Blount (Royal Corps of Signals), F. Jorge (Kowloon).

Dempsey on Route To Manila

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (UP).—Pan American Airways to-day announced that the Clipper, with Jack Dempsey aboard on route to referee the Garcia-Lee title fight in Manila, plans to hop off at 4 p.m. to-day.

G. M. YOUNG CUP GOLF

First Round Matches Played At Fanling

In the first round of the G. M. Young Cup golf competition, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat the Chartered Bank while Butterfield and Swire eliminated Chinese Maritime Customs.

Asiatic Petroleum Company and Dodwell and Co. received byes into the second round.

BOGEY (PAR) POOL

In the Bogey (Par) Pool held over the Old Course at Fanling during the past week-end, F. Groves (2) and P. C. Jackson (16) were both two down and divide the spoils.

ADAMSON CUP

In the Adamson Cup December qualifying round at Happy Valley, V. Ebbage returned a card of 85-14=67 and qualifies.

Women's Golf Fixtures

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies Section) advises that all L.G.U. competitions and handicaps are in abeyance until the end of the war. The notice board contains temporary handicaps on January 1.

A Club medal round for Silver and Bronze Divisions will be played on the first Tuesday in every month starting in January.

An Ecclectic Competition in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will be held at Fanling on the New Course during January, February and March.

Badminton

King's College Beat Kowloon Tong In "B" Division

King's College beat Kowloon Tong 8-1 in a B division badminton match played at the College last night.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's College) beat N. A. E. Mackay and Chun 21-8, 21-10, 21-10; best D. P. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro 21-7.

K. H. Lo and T. Lam lost to Mackay and Chan 10-21; best Lee and Ko 21-15; best Fletcher and Castro 21-15.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON. Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order

O. B. BROWN, Secretary.

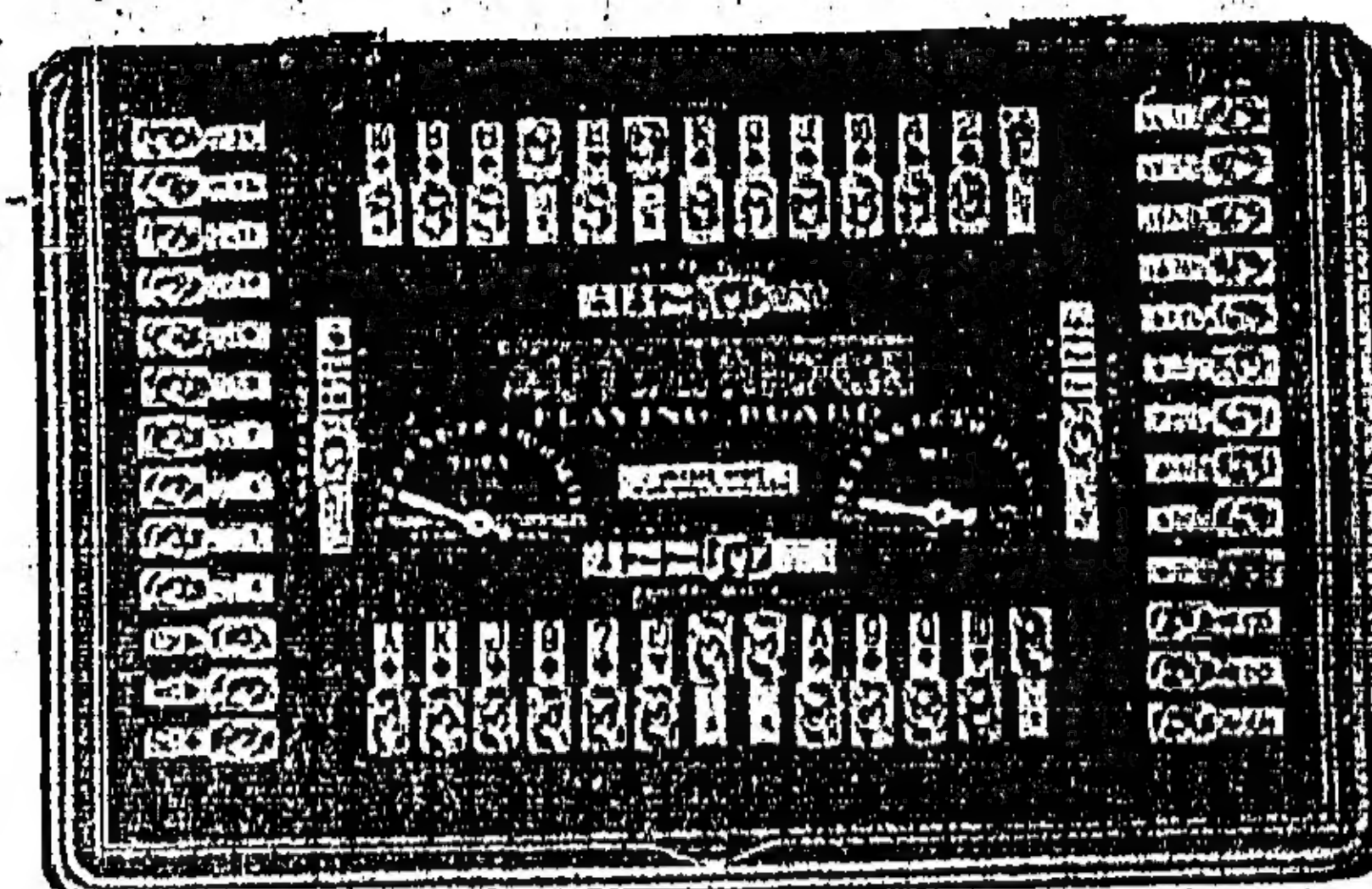
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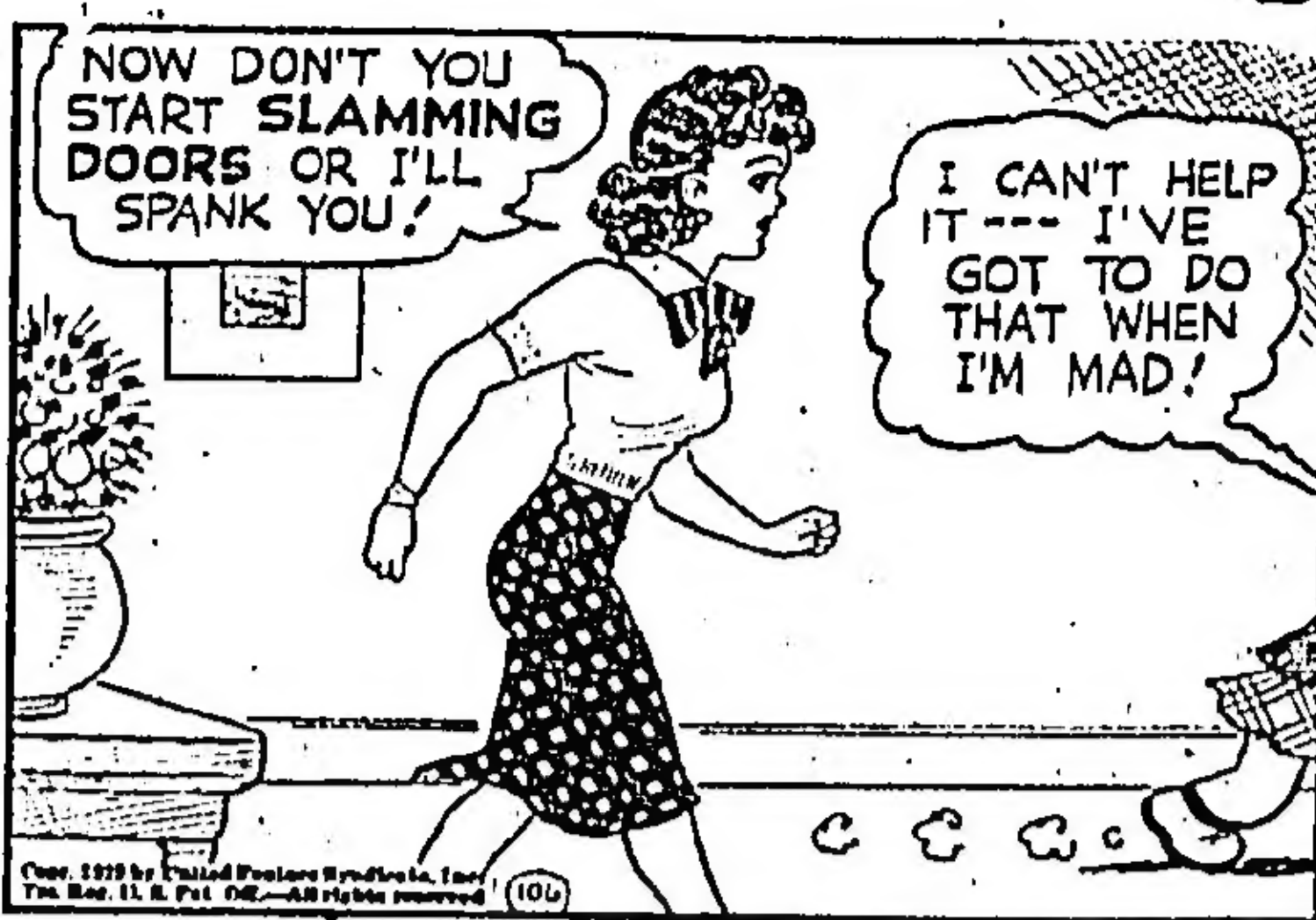
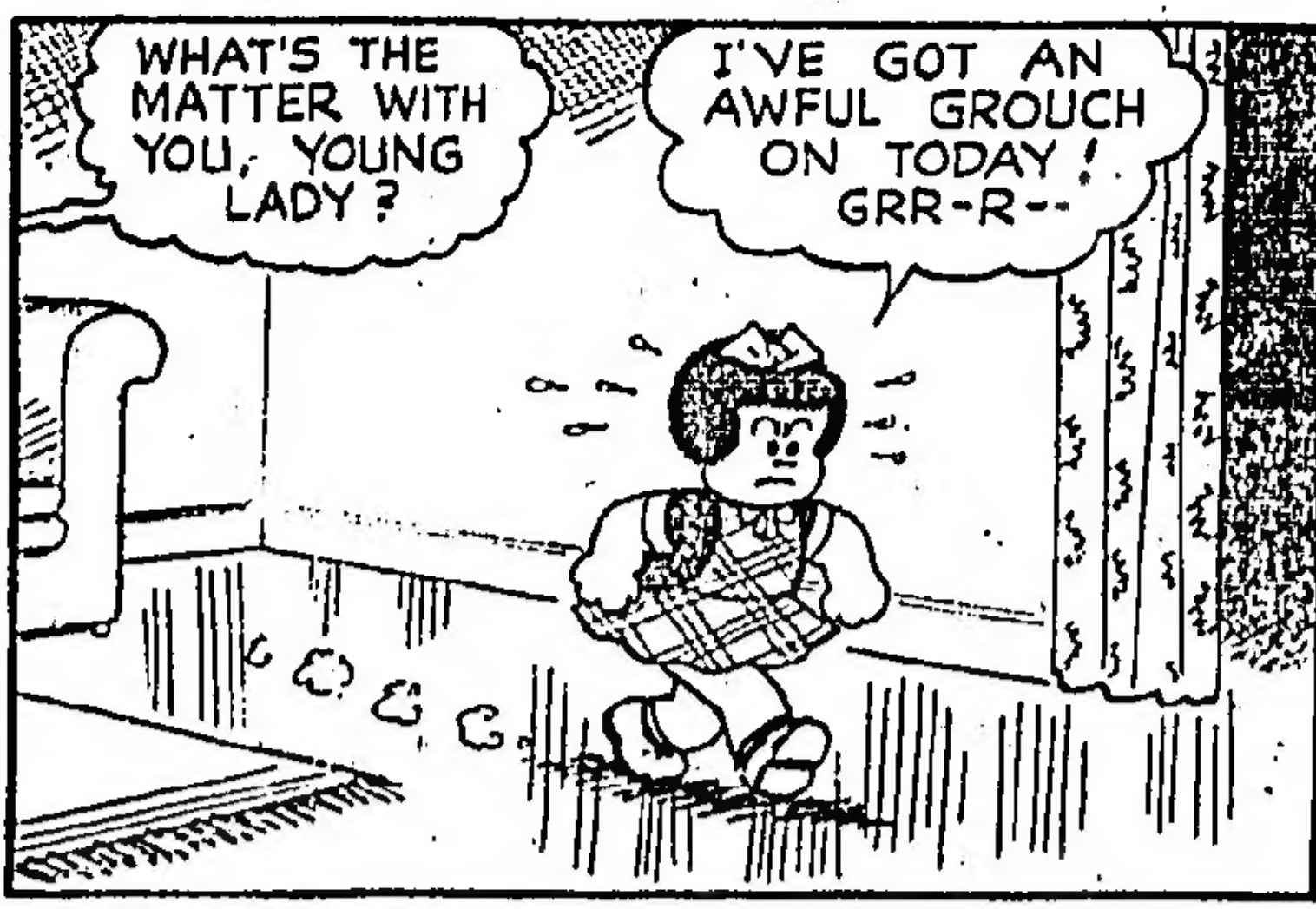
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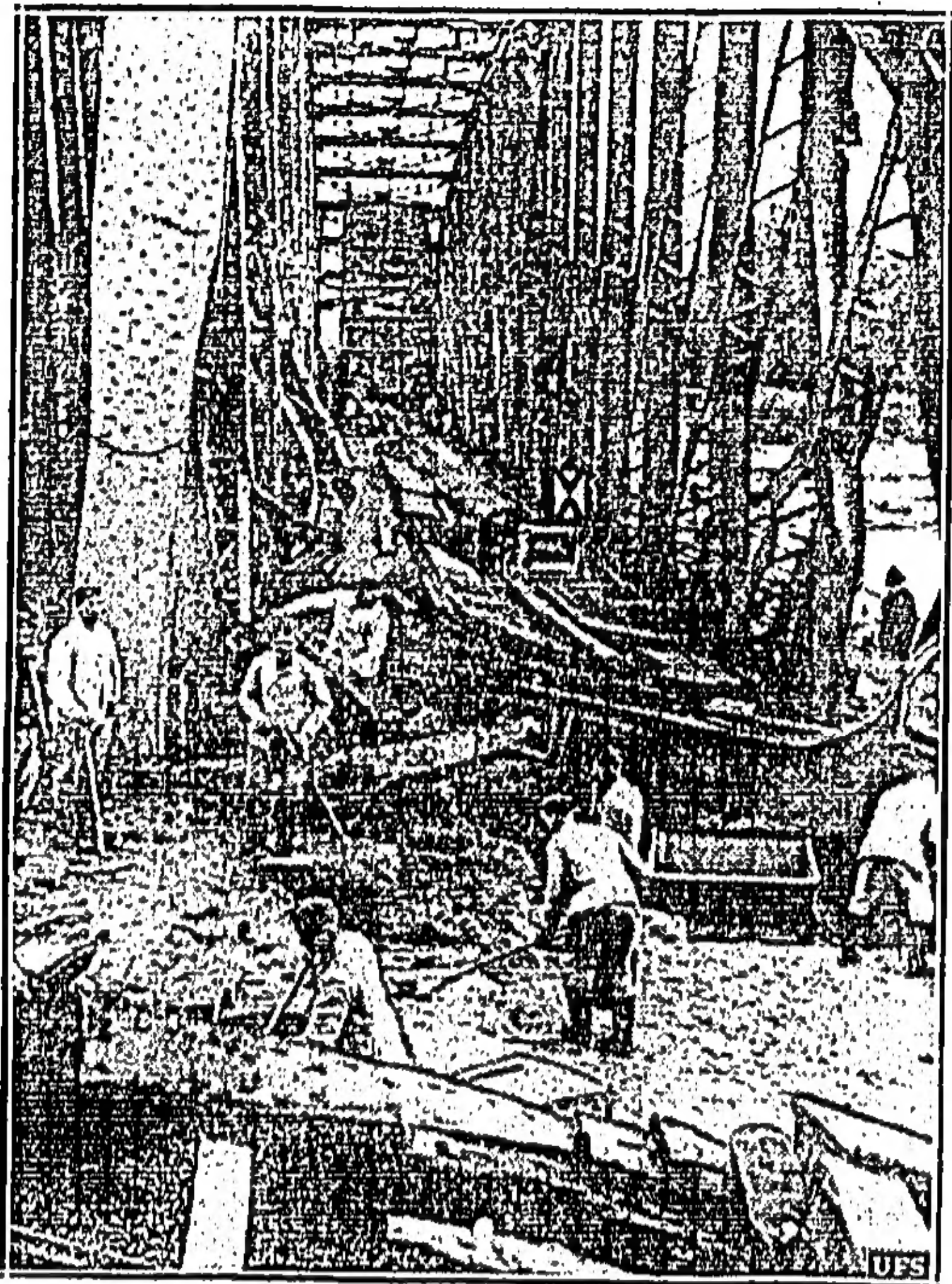
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



FORCED LABOUR—Poles who have been impressed into "work service" in the part of Poland occupied by Germans repair this bridge near Thorn, which was dynamited by the retreating Polish army to impede the Nazi advance.

LEFT TO DIE IN SINKING NAZI SHIP

DISOBEDIENCE SAVED LIVES

London. Official appreciation of a lance corporal's disobedience at Blackpool was expressed by General Sir Henry Jackson—General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Command.

The lance corporal rescued five unconscious men from a blaze at the Indian Theatre at Blackpool, and in spite of his severe burns, applied artificial respiration to them.

BRITISH SEAMAN WAS LOCKED UP

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM BARNARD, who was left to die, locked in a cabin in the doomed German steamer Olinda, is back at his home in Dimond-road, Southampton.

He had served on German ships for some time and was a quartermaster in the Olinda when the war started. The ship was bound for South America. When the declaration of war was known on board, the captain ordered Mr. Barnard to be locked in a cabin as a prisoner.

The next day they met a British warship, which ordered the crew to leave before the Olinda was sunk. "They abandoned ship," Mr. Barnard said. "But left me still locked in the cabin."

Two Hours in Sea

"I was trapped. I wrenched off a brass fitting from the electric light and with it battered down the door-panel until there was a hole large enough for me to squeeze through. "But even then I was not out of danger. I had to jump overboard from the sinking ship. "I was swimming about in the sea for over two hours."

"The British warship came quite close to me once, but I was not noticed. "It turned away and it looked as though there was no hope."

The Lucky Turn

"But then it made another turn, spotted me, and sent a boat." Mr. Barnard was landed in South America and was sent home by a British Consul.

BRIBE FOR DANES

£100,000 Fund To Buy The Press

Copenhagen. A Nazi scheme to bribe or blackmail neutral newspapers and periodicals into printing pro-German and anti-Allied material has come to light in Copenhagen.

An office has been taken in the Dagmar Hus, Denmark's most up-to-date office building, by a "werbegesellschaft," or advertising and propaganda company, to place advertising of German goods in Danish publications.

The office is under the direction of a Mr. A. Jensen, and more than £100,000 in cash has been placed at its disposal as a first instalment for "buying advertising space."

German agents have made it clear that no Danish publications will receive any orders for advertising space unless they revise their editorial policies in a pro-German direction. The more pro-German they show themselves the more advertising they will be allotted.

One Link in Chain

As soon as the full implication of this insidious scheme came to light, a special meeting of the council of Denmark's incorporated practitioners in advertising passed a resolution urging members not to accept the account of the "werbegesellschaft."

Though the war has badly hit nearly all Danish periodicals, the two leading weekly magazines, "Hjemmet" and "Dansk Familie Journal," have indicated that their editorial policies are not for sale and that they do not propose to accept advertising from the "werbegesellschaft."

Mr. Jensen has a staff of about 15 who talk persuasively to influential members of the Danish Press.

The "werbegesellschaft" is a link in a chain which Germany hopes to construct in all neutral States of Europe and America. Similar organizations are working or being planned for Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Chile and other countries.

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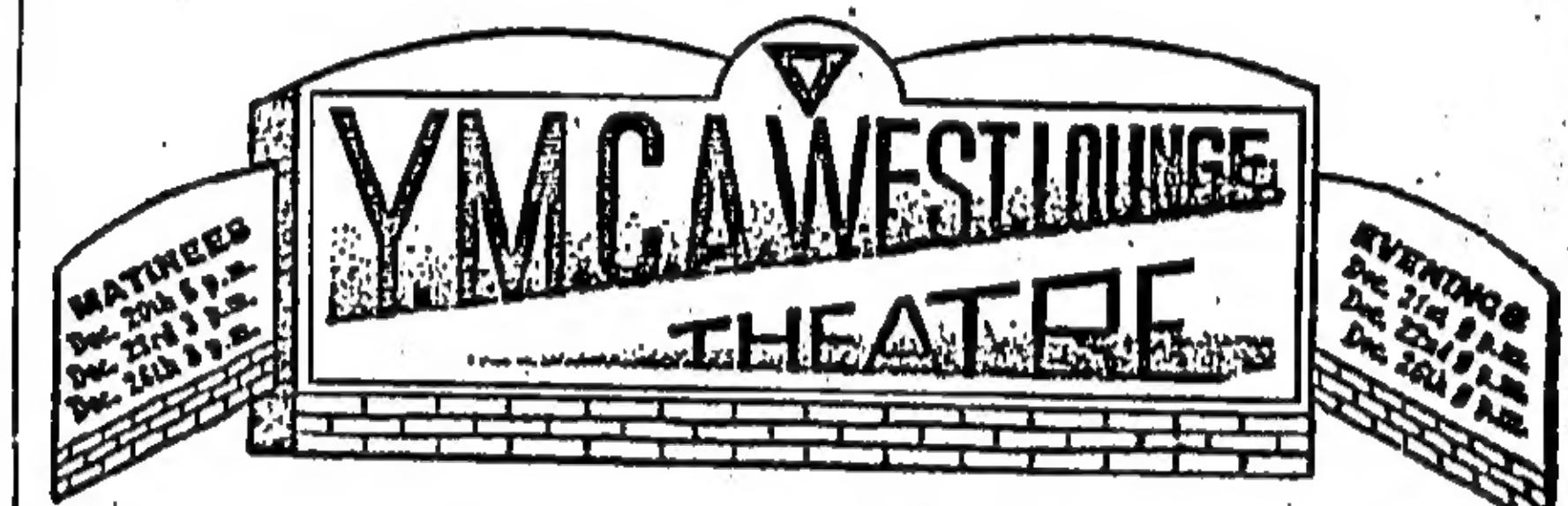
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Singing For Red Cross

COUNT JOHN McCORMACK, who sang his farewell in London last year, while hundreds of women wept, has come out of his retirement to help Britain in the war.

The fifty-five-years-old tenor whose voice has been heard all over the world for a quarter of a century, sang at Manchester in aid of the Red Cross. And his voice will be heard again soon in London. All through the winter he will go from one place to another.

"When I retired from concert work last year," he said, "I never dreamed I should so soon be making such a strenuous tour. But I want to show in a practical way my sympathy for the country of Chopin, Paderewski and Kosciuszko—they were all Poles."

All the profits of his tour will go to the Red Cross. All the largest halls have been booked, and he hopes that thousands will hear him. Count McCormack will take with

WAR HIDDEN FROM KIDDIES

New York. Twelve hundred child refugees of the conflict in Spain have been kept in ignorance of the outbreak of the European war. The Spanish children are billeted in eight colonies in France.

Erle G. Muggerside, Executive Secretary of the foster parents plan for Spanish children, said Miss Eamie Odgers, American administrator of the group's headquarters here the children might become "unmanageable." If they knew about the war, because of their fear of air raids, Mr. Muggerside said the children had endured for 2½ years "the incessant bombing in Spain."

him on the tour, as an accompanying artist. Miss Sarah Buckley, a former Lancashire mill-girl. He thinks her contralto voice comparable to Clara Butt's, and that she will soon be famous.

STALIN'S DOWNFALL FORECAST BY RED

By William Henry Chamberlin

CANNES. It is not very often that Stalin is criticised by a Soviet citizen. Indeed one might accurately say that the privilege of criticising a dictator may only be purchased by ceasing to be a citizen of the country over which he rules. An indictment of Stalin has just been drawn up by Fyodor Raskolnikoff, former Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria, who was recently declared an outlaw because of his refusal to return to the Soviet Union, where he doubtless anticipated the fate of many other diplomats who have been victims of Stalin's prolonged and comprehensive purge.

Like many other individuals who have fallen into disavour in the Soviet Union during the last few years, Raskolnikoff was a picturesque and glamorous figure in the early days of the Revolution. A leader of the turbulent Kronstadt sailors, who were strong supporters of bolshevism, Raskolnikoff was captured by the British during the

period of Allied intervention in Russia and told me with a smile that he learned English in Brixton Prison when I met him in Moscow. He was subsequently exchanged and took command of naval operations of a Soviet gunboat flotilla on the Volga River and the Caspian Sea. He possessed some literary talent and published a play of the French Revolution entitled "Robespierre."

Open Letter

From his place of refuge in Cannes, in southern France, Raskolnikoff published an "open letter to Stalin," from which the following excerpts are characteristic:

"You practice politics without ethics, power without honour, socialism without regard for the human being. This socialism is as far from true socialism as your arbitrary personal dictatorship is from the dictatorship of the proletariat. "You have calumniated and shot the companions of Lenin, Kameneff, Zinovieff, Bukharin, Rykoff and others, of whose innocence you were very well aware. Before their death you forced them to express repentance for crimes which they have never committed. "On the eve of a war you are destroying the Red Army, the pride of the country, the bulwark of its power. You have decapitated the Red Army and the Red Navy. You have killed the most gifted of our officers, headed by the brilliant Marshal Tukachevsky. Where is Marshal Blucher? (the former commander of the Soviet Far Eastern Army). Where is Marshal Egoroff? You have arrested them, Stalin!"

Experiences Told

Raskolnikoff described his own experiences as Ambassador in Sofia, where an agent-provocateur had caused the arrest of almost the whole personnel of the embassy, from the military attache to the chauffeur. He called the roll of a number of well known Soviet writers, Plinski, Tretakoff, Aroslett, Tarnasov-Rodionoff, who had been arrested. He also mentioned the aviation constructor, Tupoleff, and the mechanical theatrical producer Meyerhold as among those who had been arrested and two well known natural scientists, Professors Ipatoff and Chichibabin, as having been forced to flee from the country. Apostrophising Stalin again, he writes:

"Like Hitler, you have rekindled the auto-dafy of books of the Middle Ages. I have seen with my own eyes huge lists of books, to be destroyed without delay, sent to Soviet libraries. On these lists, in regard to numerous names of authors, one finds the instructions: Suppress all books, pamphlets and pictures. "Further reproaching Stalin with refusing to admit political refugees from Spain and other countries, Raskolnikoff ends his letter with a prediction that the Soviet dictator will be overthrown and that his crimes will be punished."

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EATING SEASON

WHAT a pity if our Christmas festivities were spoiled because we had put off a visit to the dentist.

A nagging toothache can mar the most delicious pudding or mince pie.

If you are one of the many who suffer from that nagging feeling which accompanies the ordeal of the dentist's chair, it would do you good to visit a dentist.

No need to be afraid of the dentist, especially when he is deft and light-handed in his movement.

Painful Talks

I do beg of you who are parents never to discuss any painful visits to the dentist before your children, and never to lead them to expect pain when they have to go themselves.

In almost every case it is entirely unnecessary. Thanks to modern methods, but I have seen quite tiny children on the occasion of their first visit to the dentist, yelling all the way up the stairs to the waiting-room.

This can only have been caused by unwise handling of the situation on the part of some grown-up, thus turning quite a simple affair into a nerve-racking ordeal for some highly-strung youngster.

Nothing could be more disastrous. Actually all children's teeth should be examined regularly once a quarter for any repairs or slight abnormalities. You will never be able to put this wise rule into force if it means hysterical crying, and the upsetting of other patients, every time you bring the child to the clinic.

Treat your children to look upon dentists, doctors and nurses as their very good friends. By doing this you will train them to a common sense handling of the situation which will stand them in excellent stead all through their lives.

Teething

How for a few words on teething. The age at which a baby cuts its first teeth varies very much. One hears of babies cutting one or two teeth as early as the age of four months. Very occasionally a child is actually born with one or two teeth through the gums.

On the other hand, perfectly healthy and well-developed children may not cut a tooth until they are ten to eleven months old.

In trying to decide whether a child is really backward in development one cannot therefore go entirely by the progress in cutting teeth. Other matters need consideration.

Does the child move freely, sit up by himself and make efforts to stand? Is he bright and contented, and is he making regular increases in weight? If the answer to such queries is in the affirmative then there need be no real alarm if the child is a little late in teething. The teeth are likely to

come in fairly rapid succession once he does make a start.

By the time a child reaches his second birthday he should have cut most of the twenty milk teeth.

Complete Set

Ideally, they should all be through by then, and he should be eating plenty of solids and little or no sloppy food, the drinks being reserved to the end of the meal.

If you value your child's teeth as well as his digestion you will never sanction the "bite and sup" method of eating. Neither will you agree to the crusts of his bread being left, and you will encourage him as he grows older to enjoy the well-battered crusts at the ends of your loaves.

Through the process of baking, certain important chemical changes take place in crusts which make them of nutritive value to children.

Many parents complain that their children's front teeth tend to show early signs of decay, and some dentists ascribe this to an earlier and most

LAUNDRY TIP

Since men's dark-coloured hose often run when laundered, they are likely to stain other clothing. So wash the hose separately, hang them up quickly and don't let them come in contact with the rest of the laundry.

Attached to the phones in Lucille Ball's home and dressing-room are slim silver pencils all equipped with a round knob where erasers usually grow. Lucille uses the pencil for note while phoning, uses the knob for dialing numbers. Saves broken nails, wear and tear on nail polish.

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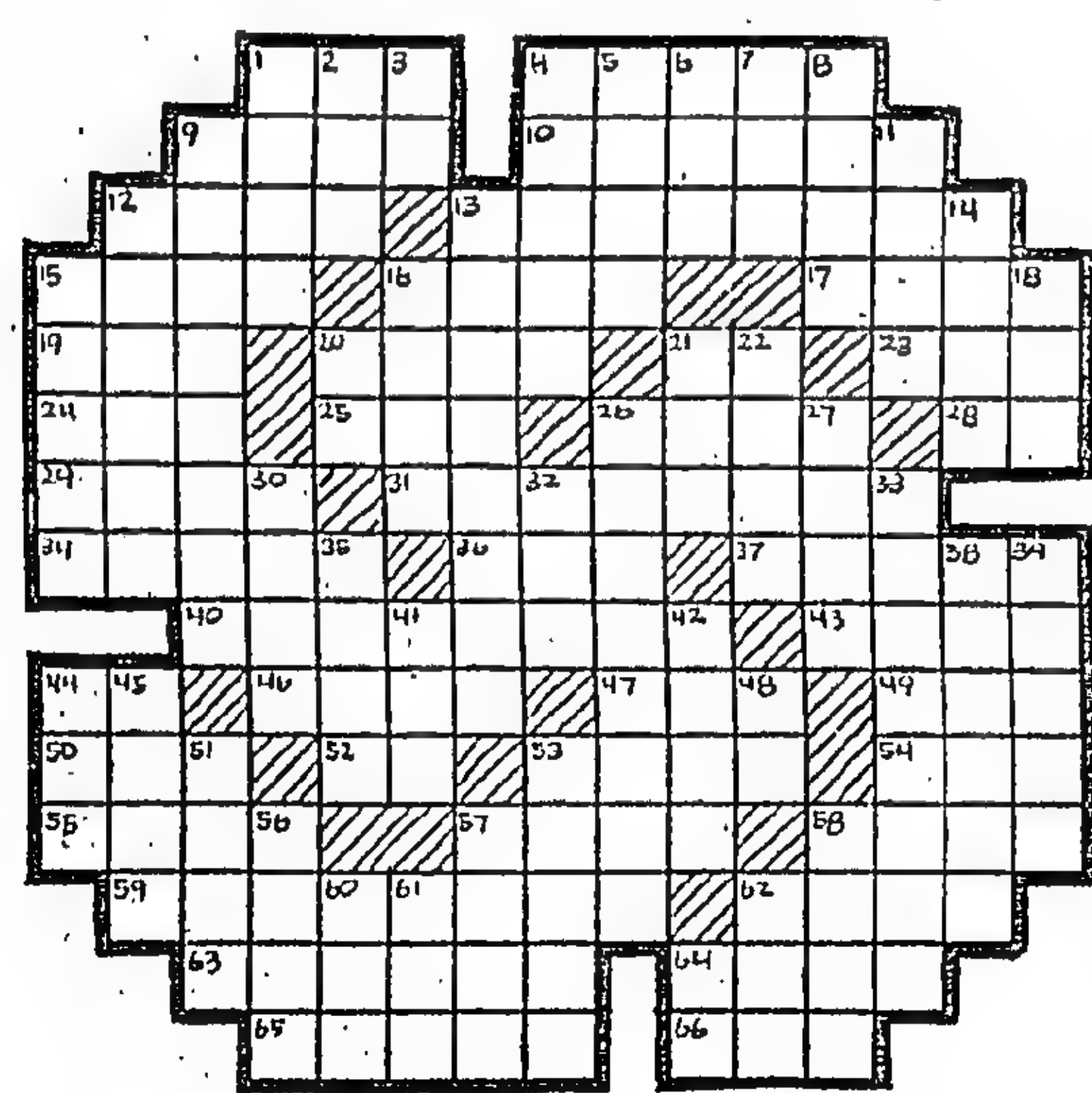


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By LARS MORRIS

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3—Scandinavian	12—Combining form	3—Scandinavian
4—Lila	13—Opening device	4—Lila
5—Examination	14—Wandering aimlessly	5—Examination
6—Onesque figure	15—Run together	6—Onesque figure
7—Draws	16—Pacific Island trees	7—Draws
8—Maiden name (poss.)	17—Heller in God	8—Maiden name (poss.)
9—Certain	18—Self	9—Certain
10—Recalling	19—First man	10—Recalling
11—Maiden name (poss.)	20—Toward sky	11—Maiden name (poss.)
12—Recalling	21—Peculiar bird	12—Recalling
13—Maiden name (poss.)	22—In a stick	13—Maiden name (poss.)
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16—Maiden name (poss.)	25—Vegetable	16—Maiden name (poss.)
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Nazi Bomber Riddled At 18,000 Feet

R.A.F. MEN DESCRIBE A THRILLING AIR BATTLE

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.
Standing in the mud of a Service aerodrome in France this morning, I talked with the three Royal Air Force pilots who were directly involved in yesterday's successful battle with German planes over the British lines.

Scattered around the improvised field were the squadron's fighter machines, some ready for instantaneous take-off, others being refuelled and checked by mechanics.

The weather was cold and misty and the ceiling almost zero, all in sharp contrast to the bright sunny day and blue sky with unlimited horizon that yesterday tempted the German planes to make their disastrous attempt at a photographic reconnaissance over our positions.

The three pilots, aged respectively 22, 23 and 26, had none of them been in the Service for more than three years. All previously had been in business.

One had been with a firm of flour millers, the second, hailing from Surbiton, had worked in the City, and the

third had originally been an apprentice at the De Havilland works in England.

All pilots flew single-seater fighters. One had shot down one of the Germans after a brief air battle and followed him down to watch him land in field far behind the British front.

The other had forced the second plane down into Belgium. He was, of course, unable to follow him into neutral territory, but he told me that the machine appeared to be plunging earthwards out of control, with smoke emerging from the tail, and that it seemed certain it must have crashed.

Spotted At 20,000ft.

The alarm was given shortly after 10 yesterday morning, and within 25 minutes half a dozen of our machines were in the air.

At almost the same time one of the German Heinkel twin-engined bombers was spotted flying very high, about 20,000 feet and the two machines that started to chase him had a full 40 minutes' flight at top speed.

The German machine made little attempt to evade pursuit, but continued flying in a straight line, apparently unaware he was being followed.

Within range the German rear gunner swung in his swivelling machine gun in the upper part of the gun cockpit in the tail, started firing bursts, but his aim was poor or the range too far as they did no harm.

Our other machine, coolly waiting for the perfect range, roared on to the enemy, and finally, from within only a few hundred yards, gave him a full burst from the synchronized machine-guns that made up the armament of his fighter.

Spiralled To Earth

The pilot, who, as I saw him this morning in well-pressed uniform and brightly polished black shoes, resembled anything but the rough and tumble fighter freshly emerged from an aerial dog fight, told me he could plainly see his bullets splatter into the enemy's fuselage.

Smoke started to emerge from the German machine and one propeller cut out. The German gunner's machine gun immediately stopped.

Appeal For Support

**Horticultural Society To
Hold Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Hong-kong Horticultural Society is to be held in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Tuesday, December 19 at 5.15 p.m.

The report of the Society states: The annual show of flowers and vegetables took place at St. John's Place (opposite the Helena May Institute) on March 9 and 10, and was a great success. There was a record attendance this year, but considering the large number of residents who could avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Society of seeing a show of flowers and vegetables comparing very favourably with any provincial show in England, the Committee hopes the public will patronise the show in still larger numbers. The number of entries also constituted a record, and extra staging had to be constructed to accommodate all the exhibits.

The membership roll stands at 19 life members and 223 ordinary members as against 19 life members and 232 ordinary members in the previous year. As the membership roll is decreasing each year, the Committee appeals strongly once again to all members to make an endeavour to induce as many of their friends as possible, who are interested in gardening, to join the Society. The financial state of the Society remains sound.

Good work also was done by British anti-aircraft batteries, but the German planes flew so high as to be out of their range. One Devon battery of ex-Territorials was reported to have reached a very rapid rate of fire with its guns, and it was in action within 30 seconds.

The unscathed German pilot, a young man of only 19, was visited to-day by his successful opponent. The two pilots, German and British, exchanged a few polite words, and the German expressed his thanks at the courtesy of the call.

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(firing, and the landing wheels of the machine dropped, either because the controls had been cut by bullets or because the pilot had dropped them in a sign of surrender.

In any case, the machine started to spiral downward and our pilot, ceasing fire on an apparently disabled enemy, followed it down towards the ground, by this time 18,000 feet below.

The German touched in a field, hedge-hopped over a couple of ditches, and finally landed with a crash against a hedge.

The wreck of his machine, as it was inspected by R.A.F. officers today, showed that the interior of the fuselage was a shambles of blood-stains and riddled metal, showing more than 200 bullet-holes.

The German pilot, by some miracle, survived untouched, but the two other members of his crew were seriously injured and now lie in a French hospital.

One had such a narrow escape that his eyebrow was neatly severed, and it was actually and adhering to the wall of the machine.

The British pilot, who had told me his story with the difference and non-chalance one expected, admitted that he had been greatly excited over his first air fight.

The hurry of his departure from the ground he had failed to put on his overcoat, and wore only his uniform tunic.

"Waiting Hardest To Bear"

I asked him whether he had not felt the cold at that great height, even in a cockpit protected by a sliding top.

"No," he replied, "the excitement must have kept me warm."

I asked him whether he had felt any fear or nervousness.

"I don't recall," he replied, "like one feels before a football match. Once you're in the air all that vanishes, and you think of only one thing—that other fellow who'll get you if you don't get him."

At all his excitement, it is to be noted that this young pilot, in his first experience of actual warfare, had the necessary coolness to hold his fire until the enemy was in the perfect place at the best range—in other words, until he presented himself as the ideal target.

The second British pilot also had a stern chase, and it was not until he had followed the Boche plane for a shot at him.

There was a brief exchange of bursts of machine-gun fire. The German's aim was wide, but our pilot was accurate, and within what seemed but a few minutes the second German plane plunged into a nose-dive and disappeared amid a plume of smoke, crashing down into Belgium.

Three Cameras Found

In the German plane, a well-built radio machine, which was brought down, three large cameras were found, but the bomb racks were empty. Presumably, as the machine was on a photographic reconnaissance mission, they had not been filled before departure.

On a shelf in the fuselage still lay the crew's rations—tasty ham sandwiches and fresh chocolate, all neatly wrapped in cellophane or silver paper.

The machine was a new one, the manufacturers' date being marked 1939, while a Vercy light found in it was stamped as late as September, 1939.

The metal eagle, presumably the insignia of the German squadron at Goslar, whence the bomber came, was the Swastika on the fuselage, will be presented to the mess of the British squadron as permanent souvenirs of a successful day's hunting.

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Atlantic Crossed In 13 Hours

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' flying-boat Cabot has made a new record for the flight from Ireland to Newfoundland—13 hours, 2 minutes, writes the Air Correspondent.

The previous record for the east-to-west crossing of the North Atlantic of 13hr. 22 min. was set up by Captain D. C. T. Bennett in Mercury, upper half of the Mayo composite machine, in 1937.

Captain Gordon Store was pilot of Cabot.

Since the war began Imperial Airways have carried on the regular North Atlantic mail service between London and New York.

When ice closes the marine air bases at Newfoundland and Montreal, Britain's only air link with the American continent will stop.

WITH THE RIVAL PATROLS

Front Line Night Adventures

By RICHARD CAPELL

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent with the French Army

FRANCE.

November brought downpours of rain, day after day, and now the hills have already been seen trying on, as it were, their mantle of snow which will before long be their regular wear.

The rivers are in flood, and all this adds the abomination of mud for infantry and artillery.

I have visited in the last few days batteries of various calibres and also the outposts of a cavalry regiment, which has left its horses in the rear and is holding a section of the front line.

The ways are woodland paths which have been trampled into a slough. It is not yet the desperate mud of a land that has been blasted with shelling. The country has known nothing of such bombardments as turned brooks from their courses and made pools, like those of the old Paschendale front, in which a man can drown.

The Whispering Post

It is still rare to see a field pitted with shell-holes; and such firing as there is seems indolent, as though some battery had taken it into its head to fire a few shots of round out of boredom with the dank autumnal day.

But the mud is such as to make the lot of these gunners unenviable enough by ordinary civilian standards.

A unit in the front line consents to a visit being paid to one of its observation posts. The alpinist is made that conversation shall be in a whisper, for the Germans are near.

The Germans, too, must have been whispering. Or perhaps they had nothing to say to one another that afternoon. Not a word at any rate, was to be heard from their side.

The village across the way looked intact. The war seemed to be sulking. But it is not a lazy war for the men at this observation post. Night brings adventures enough on this front, where the word "line" seems inapplicable, for there is no conventional trench system, and French and German explore each other's fields and woods under cover of darkness.

Sheep Dogs Give Alarm

The Germans are said to have clever collaborators in their sheep-dogs, which are trained to detect French patrols. If the dogs are out with the German patrol they "point" like a retriever when they detect the French party. But if a dog is out by itself it is trained to go back barking to its masters if it has "smelt" men of the other side.

I talk with a soldier. He tells me things about the night's work not for publication, and winds up by saying that the Germans are not really half so crafty as they are made out to be. He is plastered with mud, and his five days' growth of beard makes him look a magnificent brigand. But at home, in smiling valley of the Loire, he keeps a tobacco shop. He shows me his dug-out. It is tolerable as such things go, but less than snug.

Late at night I can get out of muddy puttees and stretch myself on a dry bed. But sleep does not come at once, for thinking of my tobacco-stand from the Loire in his dank and hazardous wood.

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One-Third of City Destroyed By Bombings STARVATION CLAIMS MANY POLISH LIVES

RIGA.
According to the investigations of Dr. Otto, the German Mayor of Warsaw, more than one-third of the houses there have been completely destroyed and one-fifth very badly damaged, though not beyond repair.

There are besides a number of less badly damaged buildings. Destruction was caused chiefly by artillery, not by bombs.

The number of inhabitants killed is not yet, if it ever can be, ascertained.

It is estimated at some 50,000; but hundreds of corpses are believed to be still buried under the debris.

People are still in great distress; thousands are without a permanent dwelling; and many are destitute and without the means of earning a living.

The supply system is not yet able to meet the difficulties of feeding and clothing the people.

Warsaw's plight is that of the greater part of the area of Poland occupied by Germany.

The towns and villages abound in homeless paupers, uprooted from their homes, wandering, hungry, and hunted creatures. The provisioning system scarcely anywhere approaches adequacy.

Trustworthy travellers and refugees say that the number of deaths from underfeeding and exposure is appalling.

Celebrations in Poznan

The Germans have patched up the Polish broadcasting stations and give nightly programmes, most of which are cheering rallies in the German language from Reich stations.

The German authorities have announced that a five-day festival is being organised in the province of Poznan with "splendid new entertainments to celebrate the reconquest of this cradle of ancient German culture."

Dr. Frick, the Minister of the Interior, has promised to attend the celebrations, of which one important item will be a speech by Herr Greiser, former President of the Senate of Danzig, and now head of the civil administration of Poznan.

The festival is to culminate with some "frenzied political announcements" by some of the Reich's best orators in all towns of the Poznan district.

There is less apparent destitution in this province than in the others, chiefly because the Polish inhabitants have been simply expelled from the region to make room for new German colonists, part of them from the Baltic States.

At Lodz German theatrical companies have arrived from Breslau and elsewhere to entertain the depressed town, and, according to the German announcement, "to breathe on it with the breath of historic Prussia."

BERLIN TELLS OF N. Z. "LOSS"

WELLINGTON, (N.Z.)
THE sinking of the fishing-boat Dolphin by battery fire in Lyttelton Harbour has not escaped the notice of the German Government, which has broadcast an account of the incident from the Berlin station.

After explaining that New Zealand was "a group of small islands in the South Pacific," the announcer said that New Zealand had recently sunk "one of its own warships," while it was in harbour.

The name of the ship, he said, was "H.M.S. Dolphin."

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The King has signed an Order-in-Council empowering Wednesday's session of Parliament to be a secret one.

Nazi Battleship Is Now A Wreck

In a remote Baltic port lies the shattered shell of the 20,000-ton battleship Gneisenau, pride of Hitler's navy.

She has been taken there ostensibly for repairs, but she has been so badly damaged that it is expected she will be broken up.

A British 1,000lb. bomb, hitting her amidships, rendered her for all practical purposes a total loss.

This achievement, only just revealed in London from a reliable German source, is the last act in the story of the historic R.A.F. raid on Wilhelmshaven, which was carried out on September 4.

The pilot of one R.A.F. bomber reported, after the raid, that a bomb from another machine had apparently "dropped dead amidships" on the Gneisenau.

The British authorities, however, were content to claim that the raiders had inflicted "severe damage."

German newspapers, obeying their Government's propaganda dictators, have always tried to minimise the effects of this raid.

Hence the decision to tow the remains of the Gneisenau to a Baltic port. If she has to be broken up, the work will be done in a secret dockyard, and the German public will not know her fate.

The Gneisenau has been ill-fated from the beginning. At her launching in the presence of Hitler—when she was called "a miracle of German efficiency"—two chains broke and she crashed into a wall.

It was subsequently reported that several dockyard workers had been executed for sabotage.

Thailand Offers Prize For A New National Anthem

The Government of Thailand has recently offered a prize for the most suitable new words to be sung to the traditional music of its present national anthem.

LATE NEWS

There have been other Government awards who have proclaimed rewards for the composition of official national anthems, but rarely do the results fulfil the official requirements.

Stirring events, rather than monetary rewards, are the incentives to those who compose the words expressing the aspirations of a people.

Two years ago the Government of Albania offered a prize of £80 for a poem to be adopted as the national anthem.

The award went to a young Albanian schoolmaster. His lyric, "O Flag, Star of Liberty," might never have seen the light without the encouragement of a State reward.

At the same time, his fervent words, taking shape at a time when small nations were being devoured by dictator States, have the authentic ring of national aspiration.

Hutton's Secret

LEN HUTTON, the Yorkshire cricketer, went on honeymoon after his wedding without letting even relatives know the destination.

His bride was Miss Dorothy Mary Dennis, of Wykeham, near Scarborough.

The wedding took place at Wykeham Church.

Mr. Hutton, since the cricket season finished, has undertaken A.R.P. work at Pudsey.

Until recently, his bride was employed at Leeds.

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His "co-star" in the adventure was a gunner wireless operator, Seaman Alan Todd.

The engine of their 'plane cut out while they were flying at several thousand feet over Hampshire.

Lieutenant Richardson fought with the controls, but the 'plane cut a crazy, topsy-turvy path, skimming tree-tops and houses for more than a mile before he was able to make a "parachute" landing in a garden.

And all that time Seaman Todd, in the 'plane's second seat, calmly sent out a report of what was happening and their position to the air base on the south coast.

On his return to the base Lieutenant Richardson told fellow officers how he had glanced back at Seaman Todd.

"He was banging, that key as though we were on a normal flight, and not within a few feet of disaster," he told them.

Villagers who ran to the 'plane in time to see Lieutenant Richardson and Seaman Todd scramble out.

"Are you hurt?" they asked the two men.

"Just a few scratches," said Lieutenant Richardson, "but I might quite easily have got them in a game of Rugby."

Seaman Todd had a sprained arm.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER WAITS HITLER'S NOD

STOCKHOLM.—Dr. Gerhart Domagk of Wuppertal, Germany, awarded the Nobel Prize for physiological medicine for 1939, has withheld acceptance pending possible authorisation by the German Government.

German law since Karl Ossietsky was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize forbids German citizens from accepting any Nobel prizes.

Ossietsky was a noted liberal and opponent of the Nazi regime.

Dr. Domagk is a Director of the I. G. Farben research laboratories.

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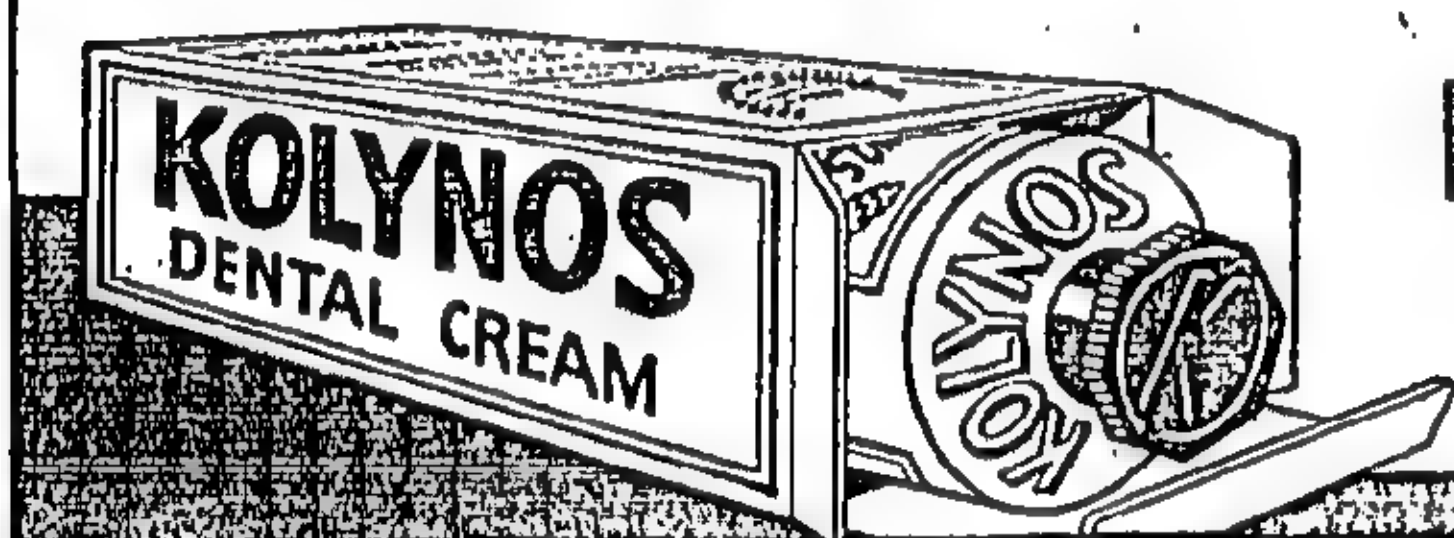
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NAVY HUNTING FOR NAZI RAIDERS

MYSTERY MOVEMENTS OF POCKET BATTLESHIPS

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

Although the Admiralty naturally preserves secrecy concerning its measures to round up the two German 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" believed to be at large, it may be taken for granted that a number of cruisers are searching for them.

Their hunt is helped by the seaplanes which all modern cruisers carry as part of their normal equipment.

In the Allied Fleets there are five vessels not only faster, but more powerfully armed and better protected, than the pocket battleships, the Admiral Scheer and the Deutschland.

It is possible that the Admiral Scheer has quitted the South Atlantic and rounded Cape Horn to pursue her depredations in the Pacific, where it will be more difficult to locate her.

Assuming, as competent opinion now inclines to do, that two raiders are at large, it seems remarkable that so far only three British ships—the Booth liner Clement, on Sept. 30, the steamer Stonegate, on Oct. 5 and the Rawalpindi—should have fallen victims to their activities.

It is known that, in addition to the seizure of the American steamer City of Flint and the sinking of the Stonegate, the Deutschland was also responsible for sending to the bottom the Norwegian steamer Lorentz W. Hansen and for stopping but not detaining two other Norwegian vessels.

This still leaves only the one ship, the Clement, to be credited to the Admiral Scheer in the South Atlantic.

SUPPLIES FOR RAIDERS

There is strong support for the belief that the Admiral Scheer has transferred herself to the Pacific.

On Oct. 9 the German merchant vessel Borkum left Monte Video, on the route that the Admiral Scheer would take if southward bound, while two more steamers have since departed from ports on the other side of the continent—the Dresden from Valparaiso and the Havelland from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica.

This would accord with a system of regular supply ships similar to that instituted by enemy agents in South American ports during 1914-15.

A further development that seems to be foreshadowed is that the Deutschland may be proceeding south to take up the station which the Admiral Scheer has presumably left.

On Oct. 20 the German tanker Emmy Friedrich sailed from Tampico, Mexico, with a cargo of oil fuel; and five days later the steamer Togo slipped out of Boma, at the mouth of the Congo.

FASTER AND BIGGER SHIPS

All these departures may be taken as fingerposts pointing to the raiders' movements.

Although no cruiser afloat is so heavily armed as a "pocket battleship," with her six 11-inch guns, a cruiser's speed is invariably higher by five or six knots, so that once a raider is sighted it will be hard for her to lose contact with her pursuers.

In the Allied Fleets there are the following faster and more powerful ships:

The British battle cruisers Hood, 42,100 tons, the largest warship in the world. Renown and Repulse, 32,000 tons, all three armed with 15-inch guns; and the French battleships Dunkerque and Strasbourg, 26,500 tons, armed with 13-inch guns. If either of the enemy raiders once comes within effective range of any of these five ships, her chances of survival are small.

PRISONERS AT HOME

Number Steadily Increasing

The number of Germans living in this country who have been interned "to keep them out of possible mischief," as a Government official put it, is steadily mounting.

A former holiday camp has been taken over for the men; the women are interned elsewhere. The men, most of whom are either members of the Nazi party or have Nazi sympathies, will not come before the tribunals now sitting to decide the fate of the 50,000 enemy aliens, including 35,000 refugees in Britain. They have the right to appeal against internment to an advisory committee.

Their life is not harsh, but they are subject to a certain amount of discipline, and they are under military guard. Most of them have private means, or friends who assist them, and they have formed a central fund to supplement the fixed rations and buy cigarettes and other luxuries.

They run their own mess, and have appointed a leader, and a committee to control the domestic side of their lives and make representations to the camp commandant.

At present, these internees have no set tasks beyond keeping their rooms in order, but the provision of definite occupation is under consideration. They spend most of the day walking, reading, or playing chess or card games.

The German prisoners of war are at present housed in a cotton mill "somewhere in the north," which has been out of occupation for years. They are young and almost all of them are members of submarine crews. All are keen Nazis, but they display no hatred towards this country. They have been taught that Mr. Churchill is the arch-enemy of Germany, and he is practically the only British politician they have heard of.

Yankees Oppose "Scarlet"

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass.—Members of Congress have been asked to help suppress the moving picture "Gone With the Wind." The Malcolm Arnold Woman's Relief Corps wrote to senators and representatives urging the film be banned as "an insult to the Grand Army of the Republic."

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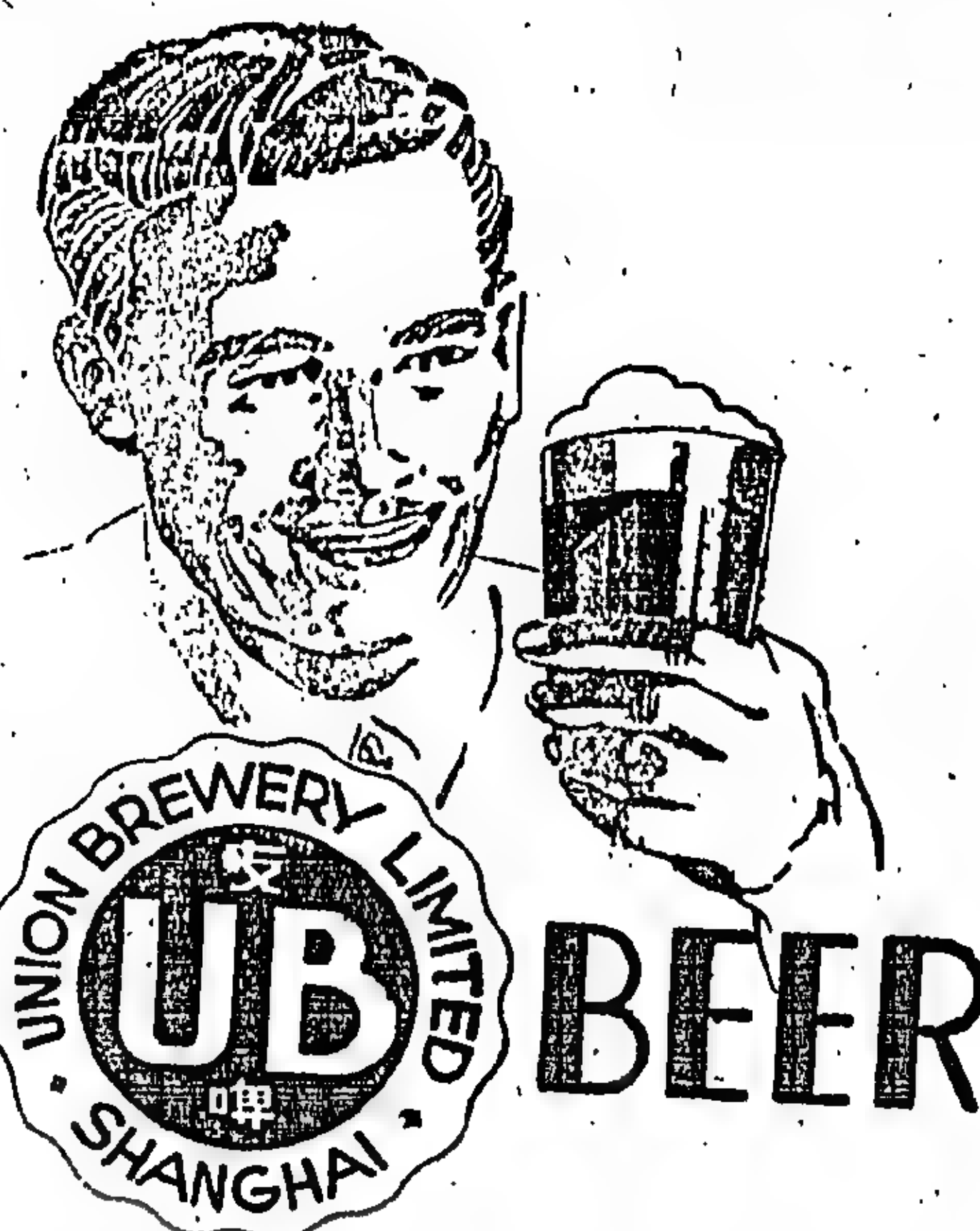
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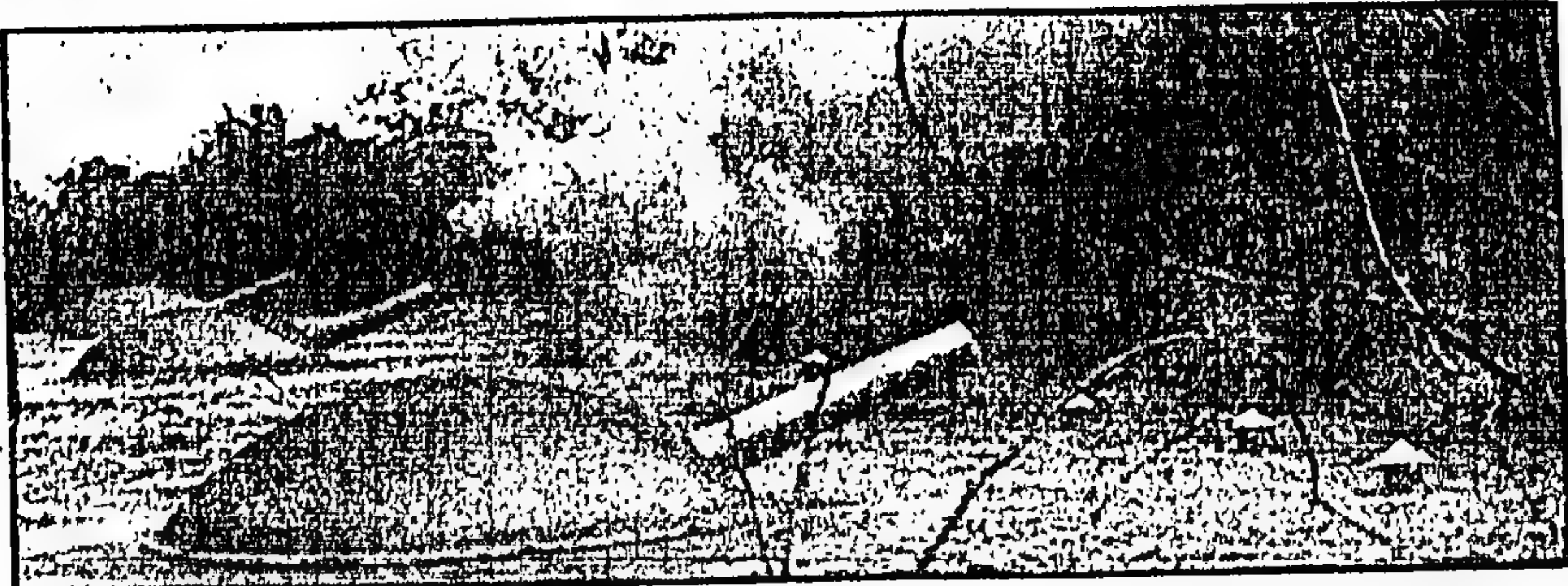
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You begin to grasp something of the extent of the technical marvels of these fortifications only when you have entered a passage the size of a London underground station.

VANISHING FLOOD

It is brilliantly lit. I passed across a section of the enemy penetrating so far, can be slid out of sight, leaving what seems to be a bottomless pit.

There was a door swung back as thick as the side of a warship. There was a lift. I descended slowly into the interior of France.

Here was an electric train which draws trucks of ammunition and supplies, and carries passengers. It moved on with a rattling over points, ducking through archways, passing mysterious rooms, and pulling up at last close to the officers' mess.

It was in this room that the war began to take shape, not madly and tragically, but in the sentimental fashion which anyone who knew the last war will remember, a lusty mixture of comradeship and song addressed to that winsome skeleton, Mademoiselle from Annecy.

SINGING MAJOR

After lunch there were songs. The major commanding the fort sang one, the chief artillery officer sang another, the doctor sang a third.

They all had that terrific rhythmic emphasis which the French can give to chorus songs. Particularly "L'Est-ce que tu veux?" and "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom."

On one wall hung a picture of yet another girl. It had taken the fancy of the engineer officer, and it certainly drew the eye.

Thus inspired, the engineer officer had designed a very modern bar and the artillery officer had provided a statuette of yet another girl, as its culminating decoration.

Such I went to that other war, hurrying through a babel of memories. Speeches—the major toast to the British armies and the French armies and the toast to the King and the President of the French Republic. And then I proceeded to come down to—perhaps it would be more accurate to say go—earth.

UNSEEN TARGET

I was shown the room from which the Artillery Officer, who is many yards underground, directs his fire without ever seeing his objective.

I went up in the lift and peered through a hole in the wall where the gun protrudes its deadly snout. I saw a beautiful field of fire, and it extended far and wide. It is covered and criss-crossed from the sides and from other forts.

I would as soon attempt to attack a mob of armour-plated prehistoric monsters single-handed.

Up on the surface of the hidden earth, were half-a-dozen British soldiers, who had been given the hospitality of the fort, with their particular pieces of technical apparatus.

VERY YOUNG

They looked very young. One who said he was 18 had an engaging air. He said that the wine they were on French rations—was all right, but it took a bit of getting used to. He thought the coffee all right, but he missed his tea, and he thought his sleeping quarters were all right; they were lovely and warm. Which they should be, as the Maginot Line is centrally heated.

His mother will be glad to know he is feeling fine. It also can bring herself still to believe in small mercies.

A French soldier whom I passed had found a small mercy in a rabbit, which he had caught with a long stick and considerable cunning, thus proving himself a specialist like all the inhabitants of the Maginot Line.

And then, from the hazy distance, came a crash, as if a giant across the frontier had slammed a door. It was repeated at casual intervals. The first German shelling I have heard during this war.

It flicked away any sort of sentimentality I may have felt. It sounded quite mad.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE

A lecture, The Law of Maritime Capture, will be given by Mr. John Whyatt on Wednesday, December 13, at 8.30 p.m. in the Hongkong University Assembly Room. All interested are welcome.

Charitable Work Praised By H. E. The Governor

Reference to the plight of the poor in the Colony and the steady decrease of their average income during the past eight years was made at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, held at the Helena May Institute yesterday.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kewall, president, and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote were among those present.

Sir Robert said: In to-day's agenda I have allotted to myself the most congenial duty of all—that of thanking the benefactors of the Society. First and foremost among these are His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, who, in spite of the strain and stress of pressing and exacting occupations, have contrived to find time to attend all our annual meetings, and to give us every encouragement and help.

You may have noticed that in the Annual Report there is no mention of the work of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. These officers hold three of the four "key" positions in the Society, the fourth being the important office of Hon. Director, which is at the present moment vacant. When I tell you they were primarily responsible for the compilation of the Annual Report, you will understand the reason for the omission.

An Ideal Chairman

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. Sir Atholl is an ideal chairman. He presides over us with dignity and good humour, tact and patience. During a year of heavy and increasing public and social duties Sir Atholl gave himself to the Society without stint, and his relinquishment of the chairmanship will be a serious loss. Fortunately his wise counsel and able guidance will still be available to us.

The office of Hon. Secretary to the Society is no sinecure. It entails a tremendous amount of work, but fortunately we have in Mrs. Crozier one who is more than equal to it. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. MacKellar, ably assisted by Mr. Kwok Chin, has rendered yeoman service to the Society.

Shortly after their arrival in the Colony, two and a half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Caine became members of this Society, and have ever since, until they left Hongkong, identified themselves closely with our work. The Society is much the poorer by their departure.

Another helper we have lost is Dr. Hunter who, I understand, may not return to Hongkong. She has placed us under a deep debt of gratitude not only by her whole-hearted co-operation as Medical Officer in charge of the Violet Peel Infant Welfare Centre, but also by her valuable advice as a member of the Executive Committee.

On previous occasions I have had the pleasure of giving expression to our profound appreciation of the wonderful help we have received from the Women's Auxiliary. Year after year these ladies have been the mainstay of our financial fabric, being responsible for about 30 per cent. of our total annual revenue.

Mr. de Martin's Services

As I have said, the office of Hon. Director is at present vacant. About three years ago the Society had the good fortune of securing the services of Mr. G. P. de Martin for this important office, and he filled it with singular success and distinction. In April last he left for a well-earned holiday, and on his return a few weeks ago he informed us, to our profound regret, that he was unable to resume office.

I must not forget the good work of the Branch Hon. Secretaries, Mr. D. Skinner, Mrs. R. C. Beavan, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mrs. Pearson Grant, or of that of the Hon. Secretary for the Creche, Mrs. W. Park. To them I express very warm thanks for their help.

It is impossible for me to mention everyone by name, and I hope, therefore, that I may be forgiven if I thank collectively, as I do now, the splendid band of workers who have given so much of themselves to the Society with the sole thought of alleviating and bettering the lot of poor and suffering children. (Applause.)

An Anxious Time

Sir Atholl MacGregor said: I am glad to have this opportunity of moving the adoption of the Report and the Accounts included therein and to give a very short account of my stewardship during the past year.

It has not been an easy time or by any means free from anxiety. Only a month or two before our last annual meeting Canton fell: all through this year hostilities have continued in China and since September 3 Great Britain also has been at war.

Another matter for anxiety was the inevitable rise in the cost of imported foodstuffs owing to the war in Europe, but I am happy to say that worry on that score at least would seem now to be unnecessary.

The year has ended with a debit balance of \$700, a figure the smallness of which I regard as amazing and a most wonderful token of the support which the Society is accorded by the public. The amount of the deficit is still more remarkable when one remembers that this has been a year of considerable development, that we have dealt with more new cases than ever before and that we have embarked on a new phase of the Society's work in the running of Clubs for young children at the two Kowloon centres—an afternoon club for girls and closer and increased co-operation with the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association.

New Centre Opening

We are also opening a new centre in an area where it is very badly needed this month.

By the kindness of Mr. S. V. Boxer, I have been furnished with a chart showing the average income of each of the families with which we have dealt, the number of new cases dealt with each year and the expenditure. The chart covers the period from 1932 to the end of this year, and while expenditure over these eight years has increased only from \$21,000 to very little more than \$25,000 this year, while the figure for new cases in the past twelve months is \$2,800 or more than three times as many as in the first of the year shown on the chart.

Before I close I want to say how very indebted I have been throughout the year to our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Crozier, our Treasurer, Mr. MacKellar, and the ladies on the Women's Auxiliary than whom no better committee can exist anywhere. (Applause.)

Officers Re-elected

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. A. el Arculli, the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Vice-Presidents, members of the General and Executive Committees and other officers of last year and mentioned in the report were re-elected. The Hon. Mr. Tam was designated Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Northcote, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, said the very deep interest which they had taken in the affairs of the Society had always been a great encouragement and inspiration to all the workers.

Governor's Praise

H.E. The Governor said: It is only natural, I think, that all human beings should take a deep interest in the work of the Society which is designed to help those who are most helpless and the most in need of help. I note the number of children coming under your care has increased and also the new experiment of children's clubs. I hope that experiment will prosper to such an extent that the whole of this town will someday be covered with a network of such clubs wherever they are needed. (Applause.)

I am also glad to note of the close liaison between the clubs which this Society has begun and those which are under the care of the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association. I am not quite sure whether this Society or that Association takes within its scope the club which I visited some 18 months ago in Connaught Road—the one which Mrs. Caine started—but if it is anything like that I warmly congratulate the Society on having started it. The Social Welfare Council have these clubs closely under their eye, and the other day I was studying an interesting plan of a building, part of which was to give accommodation to a club of this kind. I was struck principally by the cheapness of the building and the small cost of running such an institution; I think it is an encouraging feature for the future.

Matter of Concern

"I am sorry that the Society has lost so many valuable helpers in the course of the year but I feel confident that the younger generation

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are going to take their place. The fact that the Society has something like \$950 less in cash than it had a year ago is a matter for very serious consideration. I do hope that the eloquent appeal which Sir Atholl MacGregor has voiced will succeed in drawing much larger sums from the public next year. After all, the total amount is not very great when you consider the wealth of this town.

The figures in the report are extremely interesting, though I am rather puzzled by them. I do not say they are incorrect but statistics are very dangerous things. Whoever drew the graph and compiled the figures has done a public service to the Colony in drawing attention to a state of affairs in which average incomes of families with which the Society is concerned have dropped so alarmingly. It is certainly a decline into which anyone holding a responsible position should look, as I propose doing as Governor. (Applause.)

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Messrs. Percy Smith, Edith and Fleming, Hon. Auditors, the Press and the President.

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Dear December:

YOU'RE the last month of the year, but in some respects the first. You must be merry—no other month has Christmas. Yet you're a wonderful month anyway. And more wonderful because Christmas is all your own—whether you are decked with poinsettias or icicles. You're a happy month from Greenland's icy mountains to the plains of Australia.

Isn't it wonderful, when you stop to think of it, that happiness doesn't depend on latitude or longitude, on temperature or climate?

Do you mind my telling you where we would like best to be with you? In the Homeland, among snow-laden pines, where skating ponds glisten and ring with laughter, and fireplaces fuse families into new bonds of cheer and happiness. And, say: If we adults like you, how must the children love you! Frost and fairies. Reindeer and dreams. Anticipation and realization. From the fjords of Norway to the veldts of South Africa, glad greetings.

Nazi Confession

Resort to the air arm and magnetic mines for destruction of merchant vessels is a confession that submarines have disappointed the Nazi leaders.

The facts are grim for them. Air bombing or the use of "pirate" mines is imperative if there are to be any hope that war on our ships would frighten us and threaten neutrals and, perhaps most important, encourage the German people.

Mr. Hore-Belisha recently defined three courses possible to Nazism. It may try to smash through by sea and air, it may wait for an allied offensive, it may try to lure us into the discussion of terms of peace. Who can guess all the possibilities of distracted Nazi counsels?

We must expect to endure stern hours. Great issues are for decision. The strength of a powerful nation under the orders of men who have declared to acknowledge no right but force is arrayed against Britain and the Empire and France. One thing about the future of the conflict is clear and certain. Time is on our side.

DECEMBER, 1, 1939.—The Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. F. Blunt, in an address to his diocesan conference, says: "The benefit of the King's Coronation depends, under God, on the faith, prayer and self-dedication of the King himself, and on that it would be improper for me to say anything except command him . . . to God's grace, which he will so abundantly need, as we all need it—for the King is a man like ourselves—if he is to do his duty faithfully."

"We hope he is aware of his need. Some of us wish he gave more positive signs of such awareness."

DECEMBER 2.—The Bishop of Bradford says his address was not intended as a rebuke, adds: "What I had reference to was the fact that, to all outward appearance, the King seems to live entirely indifferently to the public practice of religion."

DECEMBER 3.—It is announced that "an acute constitutional crisis" has arisen because of the King's intention to marry Mrs. Simpson.

DECEMBER 4.—Mr. Baldwin, in the House, says the woman the King married would necessarily become Queen.

DECEMBER 7.—Empire Parliament summoned. Mrs. Simpson issues a statement that she is willing to withdraw from "a situation which has been rendered both unhappy and untenable."

DECEMBER 8.—Mr. Baldwin has his sixth conference with the King at Fort Belvedere.

DECEMBER 9.—Members of the

Royal Family meet at Royal Lodge, Windsor, Fort Belvedere and Marlborough House.

DECEMBER 10.—The King's abdication, and the Duke of York's succession announced in Parliament.

MAY 28, 1937.—Announcement in the London Gazette that the Duke of Windsor will still hold the title "His Royal Highness," but that the prefix "H.R.H." will not extend to Mrs. Simpson on her marriage, or to any possible children.

JUNE 3.—Marriage of the Duke and Mrs. Simpson.

KING GEORGE VI YESTERDAY COMPLETED

Three Courageous Years

ON the afternoon of December 11, 1936, the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, had an audience of the King at 145, Piccadilly.

That announcement in the Court Circular told the country that King George VI had succeeded King Edward VIII.

It was three days before King George's 41st birthday, and he was the 41st monarch in succession from William the Conqueror.

That night King George dined with Prince Edward at Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park, with Queen Mary, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, and the Earl and Countess of Athlone.

After dinner Prince Edward drove to Windsor Castle and delivered his farewell broadcast, and at 1 a.m. King George returned to his house in Piccadilly. Later that day he gave his first audience at Buckingham Palace to Sir John Simon, which was followed by his first Privy Council at St. James's Palace. This was the Accession Council.

On his birthday, December 14, in reply to the Lords' Address, presented to him by the Earl of Cromer, King George said:

"You may be assured that it is my determination to do all that lies within my power to safeguard the liberties of my people and to promote their prosperity and contentment."

It is only when we recall the pregnant circumstances in which these words were delivered that the stereotyped phrases of royal eloquence become fraught with majesty.

The love of the people of the Empire for King George VI does not depend on any words of his, and infinitely less does it depend on any words uttered by his anxious advisers.

That love came once for all when a man without personal ambition assumed the responsibility of the mightiest throne in the world because he believed it to be his duty.

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I HAD the honour in 1932 of assisting as Rector of Glasgow University at the conferment of honorary degrees on the Duke and Duchess of York.

These occasions are always an anxious business for the chief figures. His Royal Highness laid me out by asking why there were not the same number of windows on one side of the Chapel as on the other.

"It offends my sense of symmetry," he said.

I was unable to offer any explanation, but presently the Duke discovered for himself that it was due to a building on the other side, and I was able to assure him with perfect sincerity that he knew a great deal more about architecture than I did.

I had the honour of sitting next to the Duchess at lunch in the university after the ceremony, and I think I was never more surprised in my life than when she told me that she had listened to the broadcast of my Rectorial Address (nearly an hour long).

I realised from that what a passionate interest she must have in Scottish affairs.

And when on that critical September, I listened to the broadcast speech of His Majesty, I could not help thinking that whatever she meant to the Empire she meant just a little more to her own Scotland.

I sincerely hope that speech will be made available on a gramophone record, for I have no hesitation in declaring it to be the most moving

broadcast I have ever heard from a woman's lips:

"I have, however, a message for you from the King. He bids the people of this country be of good cheer in spite of the dark clouds hanging over the whole world. He knows well that, as ever before in critical times, they will keep cool heads and brave hearts."

Even in this swift and crowded world of to-day we have not had time to forget so entirely the events of recent days as not to feel an added warmth from this Christmas now close at hand.

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IT was unfortunate that the first months of King George's reign were marred by a campaign of calumny against his elder brother.

One could wish that some of the Privy Counsellors to whom at Buckingham Palace he said: "I have suffered a very real loss by the decision of my brother, for by his going I am deprived of a close friendship which I valued highly," did not move themselves more actively to silence that campaign.

We must be charitable, and ascribe to a misguided loyalty, and, let me repeat, an utterly unnecessary apprehensiveness about the Coronation. There is no need to remind readers, for whom the triumph of the Coronation, on May 12, 1937, is a bright memory, how unnecessary that apprehensiveness was.

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ON the Glorious First of June the King created Mr. Baldwin an Earl and a Knight of the Garter.

Two days later the King and Queen telephoned their congratulations to the Duke of Windsor on his marriage.

On August 3 the King flew to his camp for public school and working boys at Southwold in Suffolk, and we were all of us relieved that at last it looked as if his holiday had begun. The rest of the summer and early autumn was spent at Balmoral, but by October 20 he was touring the West Riding, and at Leeds was having to look at gas-masks at an A.R.P. show, where he was able to tell his listeners that the gas-masks in the war "had pinched your nose."

One can imagine what he felt at the thought of all this miserable paraphernalia of human folly and wickedness on show again.

His speech at the Opening of Parliament lasted for 13 minutes, and

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those who find any doubts about the quality of his elocution doubled no more.

It was a busy autumn. The King and Queen of Bulgaria were received at the beginning of November.

On Armistice Day people listening to the broadcast heard suddenly over the silence shrieks and the clatter of horses.

Later that month, on November 10, the King greeted King Leopold of Belgium at Victoria, and at the banquet in Buckingham Palace said to his royal visitor, "Your visits to these shores will have enabled you to see for yourself how strong are the bonds of mutual interests and of common ideals which bind this country with your own."

On November 24 he received a number of Italian ex-Service men and on November 29 he gave a lunch to M.M. Chautemps and Delbos at the conclusion of the Anglo-French talks. His 42nd birthday was celebrated at Buckingham Palace by a children's party given by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

On Christmas Day the King broadcast from Sandringham. He said he could not aspire to take his father's place, but, "as this is the first Christmas since our Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to tell you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you gave us from every quarter of the Empire during this unforgettable year now drawing to its end."

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AND then came this unforgettable year of 1939, with war clouds gathering all over Europe. In February Mr. Eden resigned from the Foreign Office.

In May the King opened the Glasgow Exhibition.

In June he and the Queen were on the point of setting out for the visit to Paris when the Countess of Strathmore died, and the visit had to be postponed until July 10.

That visit to Paris must have been a wonderful assurance to the King and Queen of their personal influence in this difficult time, and once again it is meet to insist on the vital part played by the Queen on that historic occasion.

Then came last September and the end of that crisis, when Mr. Chamberlain returned from Munich and the King led him out on to the balcony of Buckingham Palace to acknowledge the greetings of the great crowd below, and the first time that any King has shared an ovation with his Prime Minister, and a poignant illustration of the relief and gratitude he must have felt.

Their Victims Ask For A Square Deal

BRITISH seamen, who face the terrors of the U-boat as well as the normal dangers of the sea, feel they are not getting a fair deal regarding compensation for injuries.

Sufferers through enemy action are particularly bitter.

They say that the regulations under which they are compensated deprives them of their rights at common law. Instead of being paid wages while incapacitated, as any other workman would be under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, they receive merely a temporary allowance based on the degree of disability.

They point out, also, that any disability prevents them from getting another ship.

Among the instances referred to the National Union of Seamen are cases from the torpedoed Athenia.

15s. A Week

One is of a stewardess, who would normally earn about £240 a month. Her disability has been assessed at 20 per cent., and she is being paid 15s. a week.

A male member of the crew, similarly assessed, is being paid 22s. 6d. a week.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the union to get this altered, and it is also asking for a revision of the compensation for lost kit.

Evidence was shown to the "Daily Herald" that to provide a new kit of essentials would cost a deckhand practically £15, just twice the amount he receives.

Men who sailed before the outbreak of war are particularly hard hit, as they carried many things they would not have had with them had they known of the danger of losing it.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I have the grandest new press agent—I've been robbed of my jewels, my house burned down and I received three extortion notes—all in one week!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Japanese Air Monopoly

PEIPING, Dec. 1 (Domei).—The charter of the China Airways Company, the semi-official organ which will monopolise commercial aviation in the Japanese-occupied areas in China, was promulgated yesterday by the Peking Provisional Government, the Reformed Government of Nanking and the Federated Autonomy Government of Mongolia simultaneously.

The Company is capitalised at yen 50,000,000, of which one-quarter is paid up, and is entitled to issue debentures up to twice its paid-up capital, redemption of these being guaranteed by the Governments concerned.

It is proposed to start new regular air services between Shanghai and Canton, Dairen and Shanghai, Peking and Hankow, Hankow and Canton, Tientsin and Tientsin, Tientsin and Kailong, and Shanghai to Hankow and Nanking, in addition to the existing lines between Peking and Dairen, Peitow, Peking and Shanghai and Shanghai to Hankow.

VATICAN TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Rome, Dec. 11. A secret Consistory met at 10 a.m. in the Consistorial Hall and was attended by 24 Cardinals.

The Cardinals unanimously approved of the canonisation of the nun, Marie Perle and Gemma Mangani.

It is stated on unimpeachable authority that the Pope imparted directives to the Cardinals on their stands in their respective posts all over the world, in the face of Communism and neo-paganism, and similar trends away from the Church.

It is understood he specially deplored the danger of Communism and atheism spreading in Europe as a result of the Russo-Finnish conflict.—United Press.

Cardinal Camerlengo

Vatican City, Dec. 10. At a secret Consistory held by the Pope, Cardinal Lauri appointed Cardinal Camerlengo to take over the administration of the affairs of the Holy See in the event of the death of the Pontiff.—Reuter.

WORKERS STRIKE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 11. The labour dispute precipitated by the rising commodity prices is finally threatening four leading department stores on Nanking Road with general strikes.

Increasing signs of uneasiness are reported among the employees of the Sun Company, the Sincere, the Sun Sun, and the Wing On Companies with the approach of Christmas.

Representatives of the 700 employees of the Sun Company on Saturday presented a 4-point demand for wage increases to Mr. Choy Chong, General Manager of the Company. As the employers failed to give satisfactory replies, the employees went on a strike on Sunday afternoon.

The employees of the Sincere Company also served demands for wage increases on Friday, threatening to start a general strike on Monday unless their demands were satisfied immediately.

The employees of the Wing On Company are also reported to be demanding better treatment, setting Wednesday as the zero hour, while restive sentiments are apparent among the workers in the Sun Sun Company.—Domei.

War on Profiteering

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Eight hundred employees of the Sincere Company, Shanghai's oldest department store, began a sit-down strike yesterday and refused to leave the building.

The men remained in the building all night and were still on strike this morning. They demanded a rice allowance, an enlarged year-end bonus on a share-profit basis, and guarantees there will be no dismissal on account of the strike.—United Press.

FINNS FIGHT BRAVELY WHILE AWAITING AID

United States Granting Big Credits: British Suggestion Examined

The Finns are maintaining undiminished resistance against the Red Army on all fronts and the only retreats made have been in the Karelian sectors where small territory has been gained by the invaders at great loss. It appears that the Mannerheim Line is mainly intact and attempted landings at Petsamo in the north, and on the south coast, have not been successful.

The Times has published an article suggesting that Britain and France do all they can to help Finland short of declaring war on Russia. Immediate aid should be given to the Finnish air force to ensure its ability to defend the country. The United States has granted a credit of ten million dollars.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11. The correspondent of the National Tidende at the Finnish frontier states that the fighting is being made in the twilight zone of the Arctic twilight near Petsamo with the aid of powerful searchlights flooding the battlefield.

The correspondent says the Finns are standing firm.—Reuter.

Russians Poorly Equipped. Helsinki, Dec. 11. The Finns are fighting back strongly in the important Rovaniemi sector in northern Finland against strong Russian attacks, according to reports from that district this morning.

The Finns have taken Russian prisoners, many with poor equipment and only the flimsiest uniforms to withstand the icy cold in a temperature which is now subzero.—Reuter.

Favourable Position in South. Helsinki, Dec. 11. The Finns appear to be entrenched for the winter in the west sector of the Karelian front, 50 kilometres from Viipuri, and have thus drawn the Russians into favourable defence positions which they believe they can hold without withdrawing to the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns control the time and place of any battle in this area as long as the Russians continue to advance.—United Press.

Soviet Claims Successes. Moscow, Dec. 11. A communiqué claims that the Russians have advanced several kilometres on all fronts in the Ustka sector. They occupied Juongsoe.

In the Poroszero sector, the village of Jojoonla was taken. In the Karelian Isthmus the villages of Boboshing and Kirikabulov were occupied.

Operating on four main fronts, the Red army claims that very great progress has been made on the Petrozavodsk front, where an advance of 40 miles has been made.

The drive westward from Karelia is intended to penetrate deeply into the Finnish rear.—United Press.

NAZI BALTIC FLIGHTS

Stockholm, Dec. 11. It is reported that German planes have been carrying out reconnaissance flights in the Baltic.—Reuter.

British Suggestion

London, Dec. 11. Discussing the Finnish issue at Geneva, The Times in a leading article says the League would be for all League members to decide to take up arms together if any of them were attacked by Russia, Germany or any other State. The present war would then end swiftly; but that ideal was unlikely to be reached.

The Times enumerates the difficulties of the smaller countries and adds that a special responsibility rested with Great Britain and France who were "deeply concerned for the survival of small nations. Britain and France had undertaken to large a task already that it was clearly unwise to dissipate their efforts to such an extent as to interfere with their main strategic plan.

It would be folly to go to war with a country stretching from the Baltic to the Behring Sea, proceeds The Times, but Russia, according to her own accounts, is not warring with Finland. There was much therefore, short of war, that could and must be done by other countries to help Finland. So magnificently were the Finns fighting that only a small diversion of British and French resources should ensure their triumph in the air and, consequently, in defence. If Finland is to be saved she must be saved now. The Times concludes.—Reuter Special.

America Gives Credit

Washington, Dec. 10. Mr. Jesse Jones, Administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced that the Export-Import Bank has arranged to export to Finland 100,000 bushels of American wheat to purchase surplus United States foods and other civilian supplies.

The credits, which have been approved by President Roosevelt, will favour the Finnish-American Trading Corporation, a firm which the Finnish Minister to America, M. Procopio, has organised.

Mr. Jones said that the United States was considering a similar credit for Norway.—United Press.

Similar To China Loan

Washington, Dec. 11. The loan to Finland is similar to the extension of a \$25,000,000 credit of the Universal Trading Corporation for the Chinese Government.

Mr. Jones discussed the matter some time last week when he conferred with the President, who had previously proposed financial aid by placing the scheduled war debt payment in a special fund on which they could draw.—United Press.

German Denial

Moscow, Dec. 11. Diplomats attach significance to the Tass despatch from Stockholm quoting British sources as saying that Germany recently sold large quantities of munitions to Finland.

German circles here say that the situation has been misunderstood. In Berlin, the German News Agency categorically denies that Germany has delivered arms to Finland, stating that this is an attempt to disturb German-Russian relations.—United Press.

NANTAO AREA OPENED

Shanghai, Dec. 11. Almost two years after its occupation by the Japanese, the Nantao Chinese district bordering the French Concession here was opened to-day. Large numbers of Chinese were seen in the area in search of possible houses, hoping they will be able to rent houses cheaper than in the foreign areas, where exorbitant rates are asked at present.—Reuter.

Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 8.)

at 22, Eric Mitchell 20 and Brigadier McLeod 11—and that was that! I was interested to see that Cedric Blaker has turned out again. He was a very useful bat—"Consulate Platoon" but has not played for some years.

Good Game At C.S.C.C.

A WICKET in McLellan's second over with the total at one provided a startling opening. E. A. Lee, who has recently been scoring very heavily, was all at sea with a ball which came in very sharply from the off. It seemed rather as if the wicket had been over-watered as the ball was taking a lot of spin. Lim, who had opened with Lee, appeared very shaky at the start, and survived an l.b.w. appeal by Perry early on. F. R. Zimmern scored a quiet 6 runs before lashing out wildly at McLellan and being bowled.

Joined by Youngs, Lim proceeded to open up more confidently, and when Fenton relieved McLellan he cracked him for 17 in his first and only over, four boundaries off short balls going to leg. It was a surprising turnover after a bad start, as Youngs was doing nothing but deprecating the batsman's play. Lim, who was lucky to be given not out when a short ball from Whitley kicked up and he appeared to touch it. The umpire, however, ruled that it had touched his pads.

A COLLAPSE

ONCE MORE luck turned round. Youngs was caught in the slips, and Hulse bowled first ball. E. Zimmern stayed some time for 12 runs before being out to a mis-hit off Perry, when Hollidge made a good catch. In his next over, Perry also dismissed A. K. Small, and the following ball completely beat Hammon. A. R. H. Small, who had been ill and turned out at the last moment, did not last long, being caught by Barrow off McLellan. Hong Sling, who had been in the middle of a run-out at that time, was perfectly ridiculous. It was obvious that the runs could not be scored in time. Whitley went in, and Barrow played out what should have been the last over. The amazement of everyone another over was given, and Small went on. Again a very stupid business occurred as Whitley, with every reason to play cautiously, lashed out and was caught at long off.

At this time the C. S. were betting behind the clock, and this probably led to Perry's dismissal. In an endeavour to get runs quickly Lawrence was sent in ahead of Barrow, but after scoring 3 only he was well beaten by a good ball from Winch, who had relieved Small. With only ten minutes to go to the official time of drawing stumps (8.45 p.m.), and 4 wickets in hand to get the 30 odd runs required, the position was very interesting. It was however extremely dark and one could barely see what was happening from the pavilion.

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IGNORANCE

THE C.S.C.C. thoroughly deserved to lose the match for the stupid way in which the last wickets were allowed to fall. Apart from the hitting out, when caution should have been rule and from getting run out, it was clear that singles should not have been run when Barrow had the bowling, as his defence is so very sound. But although I do not care the very slightest about who wins a game, I do dislike slovenliness.

The official time of closing in December is 5.45, which is at Hong Valley, at least a quarter of an hour too late, but it is the official time. There is no excuse however for going on in absurd darkness after the proper time for drawing.

I discovered that apparently none of the Cricketers were sure of the time of drawing; the umpires did not know, and a batsman, who had no earthly right to speak, as he was not captain of his side, suggested a "couple more" overs. Every umpire makes mistakes in decisions, but it is surely within the bounds of possibility for anyone to carry out the elementary duty of comprising watches with the other umpire, and setting them to the pavilion clock, which unless otherwise arranged, should govern the time for drawing. I mention this strongly as apart from the slovenliness of the thing, sooner or later someone is going to get very badly hurt in these last two overs in the dark. I repeat I do not care a host who won or did not win, but there is, after all, the question of equity. The Civil Service lost at least two wickets bustling to get the runs by 5.45, and not by 5.55.

I am afraid that considerations of space rule out any mention of two or three other games. I congratulate the Volunteers on turning out two teams (Counting the Medical unit one at Pokfulam on Saturday). Volunteers won comfortably.

AN INJUDICIOUS DIP

AFTER THE FOURTH wicket had added 47 runs, Hollidge had an injudicious dip at a turning ball from Small, and was well caught by Perry and Hulse. Zimmern was viciously hooked and travelled at top speed head high to the fielder, who made a catch as he fell off his balance.—21/2/10.

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Shaukiwan Fire

A matched, covering an area of about 120 square feet, situated near Island Road, Shaukiwan, was destroyed yesterday shortly after 10 p.m. The matched was used by contractors as a kitchen. Men staying in the adjoining huts quickly poured buckets of water around the perimeter of the matched to localise the fire.

Fire appliances were on the scene a few minutes after the alarm. No casualties were reported.

TIN JUMPS £45 IN ONE DAY

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Excited dealings occurred in the London tin market this morning following the removal of the former maximum price of £230. Business began in forward tin around £280 and rose rapidly to £275 before closing at £268, while the total turn-over amounted to 400 tons.

Tin circles here are gratified at the return of the market to an international basis.

Most observers are of the opinion that the price will gradually decline to the previous maximum or below, and will eventually govern the international price once supplies have been attracted here.

Brightest Feature

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day tin shares were the brightest features owing to removal of the restriction of the price of the metal.

Excited trading was witnessed in the tin market where the forward price soared £45 to £275, closing at £268 with business, after the close of the market, at £272 per ton.

Cotton was sharply higher on reports that the United States export subsidy was likely to be eliminated.

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THE C.S.C.C. thoroughly deserved to lose the match for the stupid way in which the last wickets were allowed to fall. Apart from the hitting out, when caution should have been rule and from getting run out, it was clear that singles should not have been run when Barrow had the bowling, as his defence is so very sound. But although I do not care the very slightest about who wins a game, I do dislike slovenliness.

The official time of closing in December is 5.45, which is at Hong Valley, at least a quarter of an hour too late, but it is the official time. There is no excuse however for going on in absurd darkness after the proper time for drawing.

I discovered that apparently none of the Cricketers were sure of the time of drawing; the umpires did not know, and a batsman, who had no earthly right to speak, as he was not captain of his side, suggested a "couple more" overs. Every umpire makes mistakes in decisions, but it is surely within the bounds of possibility for anyone to carry out the elementary duty of comprising watches with the other umpire, and setting them to the pavilion clock, which unless otherwise arranged, should govern the time for drawing. I mention this strongly as apart from the slovenliness of the thing, sooner or later someone is going to get very badly hurt in these last two overs in the dark. I repeat I do not care a host who won or did not win, but there is, after all, the question of equity. The Civil Service lost at least two wickets bustling to get the runs by 5.45, and not by 5.55.

I am afraid that considerations of space rule out any mention of two or three other games. I congratulate the Volunteers on turning out two teams (Counting the Medical unit one at Pokfulam on Saturday). Volunteers won comfortably.

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IMPROVED BATTING BY RECREIO

Changes Of Fortune At Happy Valley: Time For Drawing Stumps

THERE WAS PLENTY of cricket last Saturday, and at least one close finish down at the Valley, but perhaps the most surprising thing of the afternoon was the batting form of the Recreio first eleven.

Previously it has been very shaky, and they have usually been pulled out of a hole by one or two individuals, but on Saturday practically everyone shaped well. It is true that the Club bowling was not very good, but I have seen Recreio 90 down before no better stuff.

Going in first they opened with two of the Gosanos J.M. and L.G., who I discover, answer to Zinho and Luigi. (This solving the Gosano problem was my good deed of the day). Thomson bowled from the Yard end medium fast, but he was very wild, presenting L.G. with a sitting four off the first ball, a long hop wide to leg. Alec Pearce bowled at the other end, and after J.M. had taken a single to extra cover—an excellent shot—L.G. was lucky to edge the ball between the two slips, though it was not a catch.

In Thomson's second over they ran a very short single to cover, and Alec Pearce threw down the bowler's wicket. J. M. got the decision, but I suspect it was the benefit of the doubt L.G. also survived an appeal for l.b.w. from Thomson, who was sending down an occasional good run, but providing far too many long hops. Both batsmen seemed entirely comfortable but at 22, L.G., after hooking Thomson to the leg boundary, played over the pitch of a fast one—nearly a yorker I think—and lost his off stump—22-1-10.

RUNS COME STEADILY

E. M. L. SOARES came in and glanced a two to leg and then hit a rank long top to the leg boundary. The new batsman however was not so happy with Alec Pearce, for being left-handed he was up against leg-breaks. The wicket was taking a lot of spin and the ball popped up awkwardly on occasions. He was lucky to snick one through the slips without actually giving a chance.

At 27, John Pearce relieved Thomson and J. M. banged a full toss very hard to the tent, but then in trying to hook a short one which turned a lot he went across his wicket and was bowled between his legs—41-2-14.

Reed came in and was greeted by a diddapper which he put to leg for one. At this time, Alec Pearce was bowling round the wicket with a leg trap, and sent down a very fine maiden over to Reed. The trouble was he was breaking too much as balls pitched outside the off stump were turning outside the batsman's legs.

A FINE ATTEMPT

IN JOHN PEARCE'S next over Reed hooked one tremendously hard behind square leg—Haynes anticipated the shot and did very well to get to it, but the chance was too hot to hold. Soares rather enjoyed the slow (to him) off-breaks, and put one out

Official Times For Drawing Stumps

The following are the official times for drawing stumps:
October 6.15 p.m.
November 6.00 p.m.
December 5.45 p.m.
January 6.00 p.m.
February, March and April 6.15 p.m.

of the ground for six. The fifty went up in 37 minutes. Off Alec Pearce's first ball next over Reed went across his wicket, and was l.b.w.—56-3-3. Eddie Gosano came in, and Alec Pearce bowled his second, maiden over. The next over was exciting as Soares survived two appeals for l.b.w., and then hit two big fours to leg. But next over he mistimed one and returned a catch to Alec Pearce just when he looked like settling down to a big score—67-4-23.

THEN THE RUNS CAME

SO FAR the Club had not done too badly, but at this point they cracked. Gerry Gosano settled down with E.L., and punished John Pearce for eight in an over, and proceeded to play very nice cricket. Ride relieved the leg break bowler, who had been clean off his length, and his first over was treated with respect. Haynes relieved Alec Pearce who had bowled excellently, and E.L. greeted him by driving him almost straight for six, and then off-driving a four. Both batsmen were quite at home. Fox made a splendid shot at stumping E. L. off a leg ball, but the batsman was in. The century was hoisted, and eight runs later Carey relieved Ride, and effected a separation as E.L. played to a faster one which turned from the off (or so he told me) and clean bowled him—115-5-25, and a very good knock.

THE FINAL STAND

WITH THE ENTRANCE of A. M. Rodrigues, the Club bowling was finally collared. G.N. cut Haynes twice very prettily, and is a stylish batsman who reminds me of Nazarin a few years ago. 140 was hoisted after an hour and a half's play, and the only excitement was when Rodrigues put a lofted mashie shot over Haynes' head—but it was far too high to reach.

Alec Pearce resumed for Haynes, but Rodrigues took thirteen off his first over. Day relieved Ride but Rodrigues took two fours and a two



Poetry of emotion. An exciting moment for A. Macfarlane, playing No. 3 for St. Andrew's Society, and J. Russell, in the lawn bowls match against St. George's Society on Saturday. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, also affected, and E. V. Searle are watching the incoming shot. St. George's won by 168 shots to 147.—Home Photos.

Keen Rifle Shooting

Middleweight And Welterweight Title Bouts

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11 (UP).—Al Hostalk risks the middleweight title against the German, Eric Seelig, in a 15-round bout on Monday. At the same time Henry Armstrong meets Jimmy Garrison in a 10-round fight.

Hostalk weighed-in at 159 lbs. and Seelig at 162.

Armstrong weighs 138½ lbs. and Garrison 141.

Little Dado As World Flyweight Champion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—The N.B.A. have announced their recognition of Little Dado as flyweight boxing champion of the world. Dado, it is stated, has agreed to meet any opponent selected by the N.B.A. including the first challenger, Enrico Utrinsky, who was the winner of the elimination bouts which involved Jackie Jurich, Small Montano and Little Pancho.

off him. Then next over an off drive for four and a four shot in the direction of third man (his first one shot) gave G.N. his fifty. It was a very pretty knock and Rodrigues (40 not out) played excellent cricket as well.

The score was 102—a stand of 77 unbroken for the 10th wicket—when the innings was declared closed.

A COMPLETE COLLAPSE

THE LESS SAID about the Club innings the better. Ride was clean bowled third but a good one in the direction of third man (his first one shot) gave G.N. his fifty. It was a very pretty knock and Rodrigues (40 not out) played excellent cricket as well.

Varsity Do Well
I DID NOT SEE the match at Pokfulam, but I have gleaned a few facts. The University bowling was distinctly good though they neglected their ideal opening pair in Gegg and Mahmood. The former bowled excellently to start with, but lost his direction later and was expensive. Mahmood, who went on late, had three for twenty-four, while the Varsity stand-by, R. Singh took six for forty-four.

THE MATCH SAVED

SET TO GET 157, the Varsity saved the match easily enough, but could not win it. It was an encouraging sign that six men got into double figures, and I trust this improvement in the batting will be maintained. For R.C.C. A. H. Madar, S. A. Imami and A. Bakar were top scorers. Gegg (25) and J. Taul (25) let the Varsity score.

Low Scores

THE CLUB SECOND had a very bad day at the Police ground. They had the home side out for 102 (Pope 30), and with the side they had out they should have made the runs easily, but they flopped almost as badly as the first team. Parsons PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

Dampsey en Route To Manila

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (UP).—Pan American Airways to-day announced that the Clipper, with Jack Dampsey aboard en route to refuel the Garcia-Lee title fight in Manila, plans to hop off at 4 p.m. to-day.

G. M. YOUNG CUP GOLF

First Round Matches Played At Fanling

In the first round of the G. M. Young Cup golf competition, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat the Chartered Bank, while Butterfield and Swire eliminated Chinese Maritime Customs.

Asiatic Petroleum Company and Dodwell and Co. received byes into the second round.

BOGEY (PAR) POOL

In the Bogey (Par) Pool held over the Old Course at Fanling during the past week-end, F. Groves (2) and P. C. Jackson (10) were both two down and divide the spoils.

ADAMSON CUP

In the Adamson Cup December qualifying round at Happy Valley, V. Ebbage returned a card of 86—18 = 67 and qualifies.

Women's Golf Fixtures

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies Section) advises that all L.G.U. competitions and handicaps are in abeyance until the end of the war. The notice board contains temporary handicaps on January 1.

A Club medal round for Silver and Bronze Divisions will be played on the first Tuesday in every month starting in January.

An Ecclectic Competition in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will be held at Fanling on the New Course during January, February and March.

Badminton King's College Beat Kowloon Tong In "B" Division

King's College beat Kowloon Tong 8-1 in a B division badminton match played at the College last night.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's College) beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 21-14; bent R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko 21-10; bent S. P. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro 21-7.

K. H. Lo and T. Lam lost to Mackay and Chan 10-21; bent Lee and Ko 21-13; bent Fletcher and Castro 21-14.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Hung bent Mackay and Chan 21-10; bent Lee and Ko 21-14; bent Fletcher and Castro 21-14.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th December, 1939.

Yachting

La Linda Wins Sweepstake Race

The following were the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday:

La Linda	(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)	10.34.00
Red Shank	(Mrs. M. N. Luce)	10.34.47
True Blue	(Miss H. C. Wilson)	10.35.23
Jeon	(Mrs. V. G. Wilson)	10.35.37
Isobel	(Capt. M. G. Neve)	10.35.37
Gurt	(Miss L. G. Heiberg)	10.40.40

Ireland's Soccer Eleven

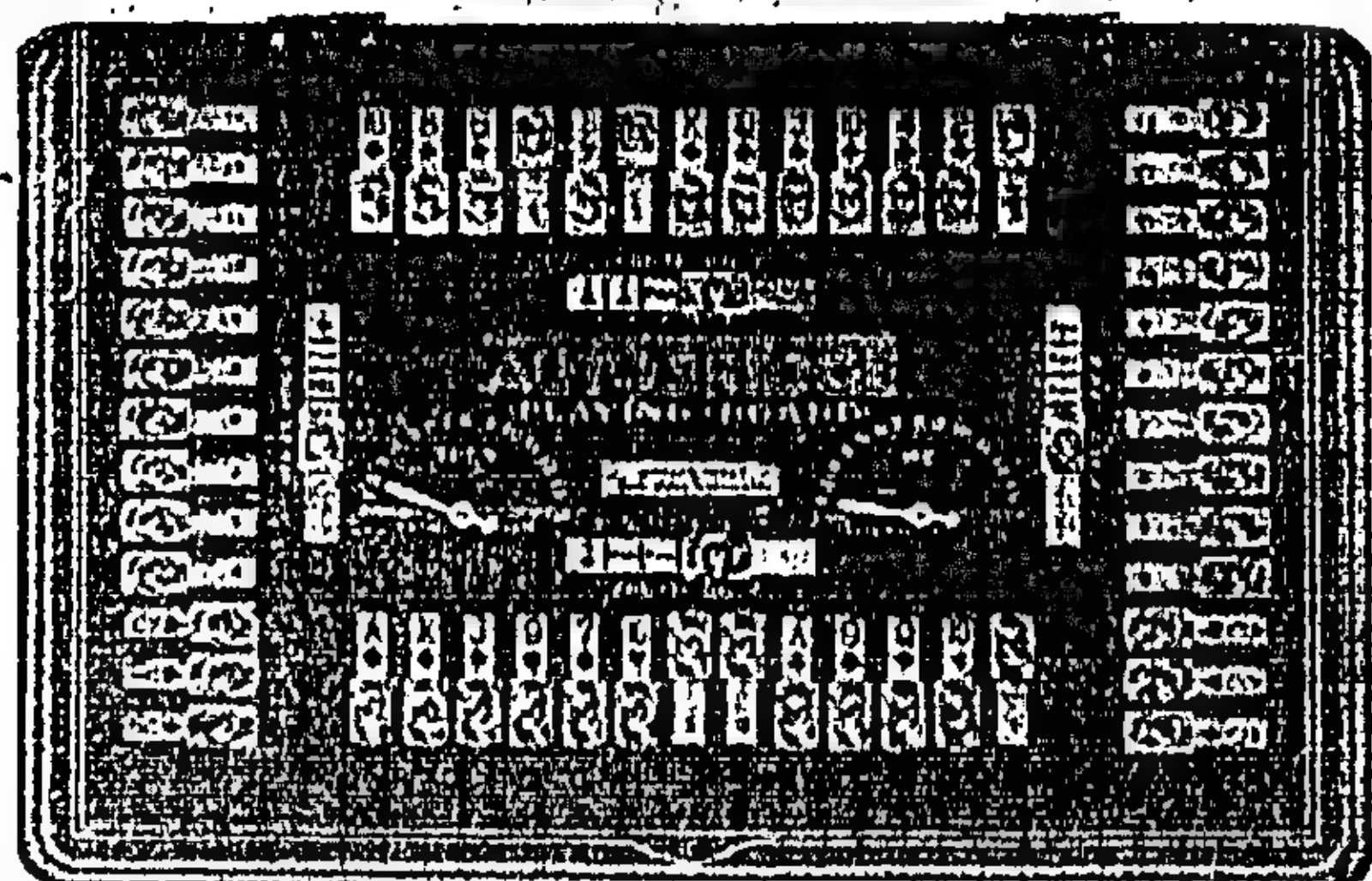
The following will represent Ireland against China in the International Cup on December 17, at the Victoria Hill, at 3.30 p.m. Moore (R.A.S.C.), Lawton (R.A.S.C.), Sheehan (Middlesex), Hill (R.A.S.C.), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Fane (R.A.S.C.), Coughlan (8th A.A.), P. Jorge (Kowloon), O'Regan (Navy), Martin (R.A.S.C.), A. Leonard (International), Reserves—Murphy, Blount (Royal Corps of Signals), F. Jorge (Kowloon).

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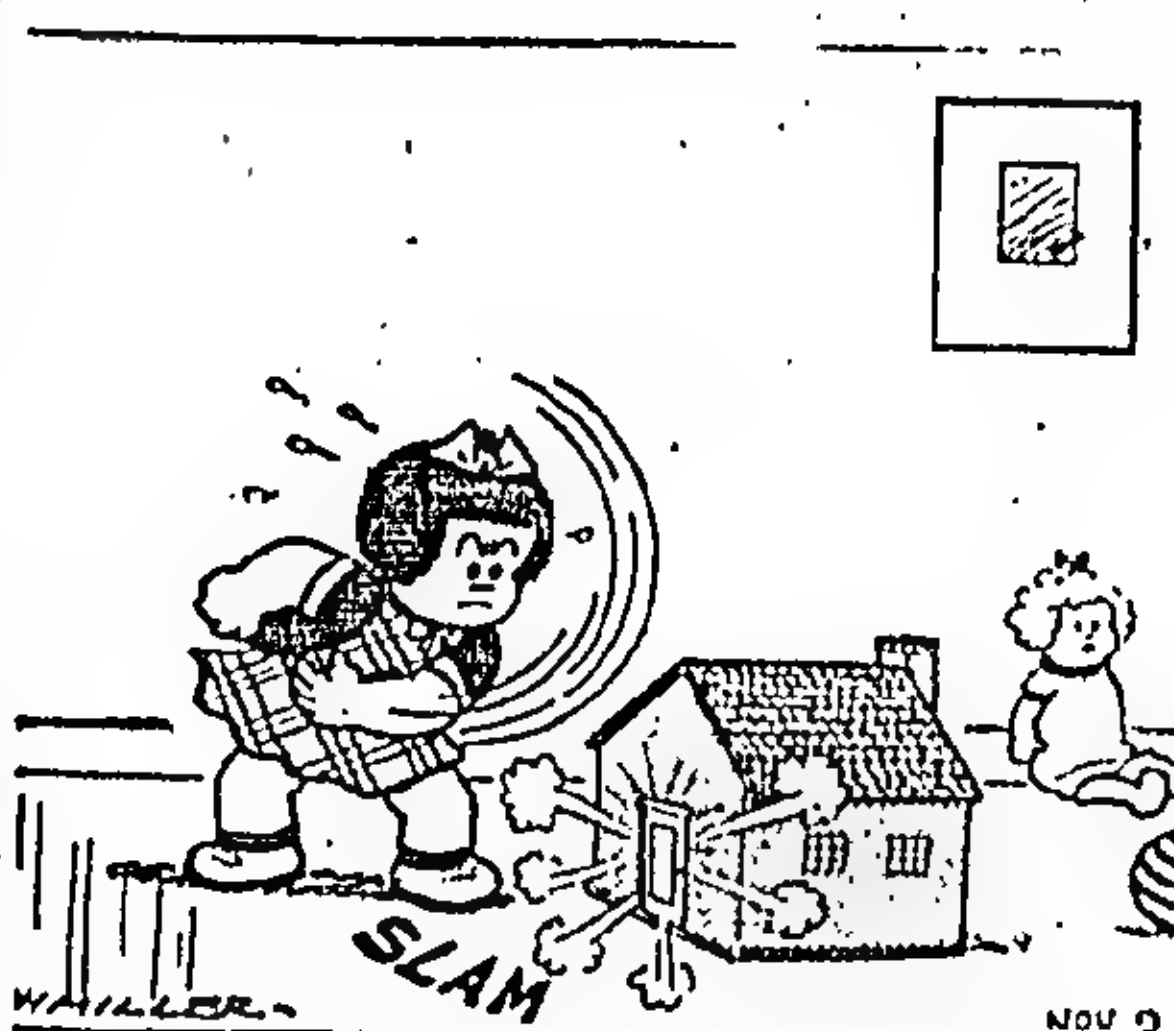
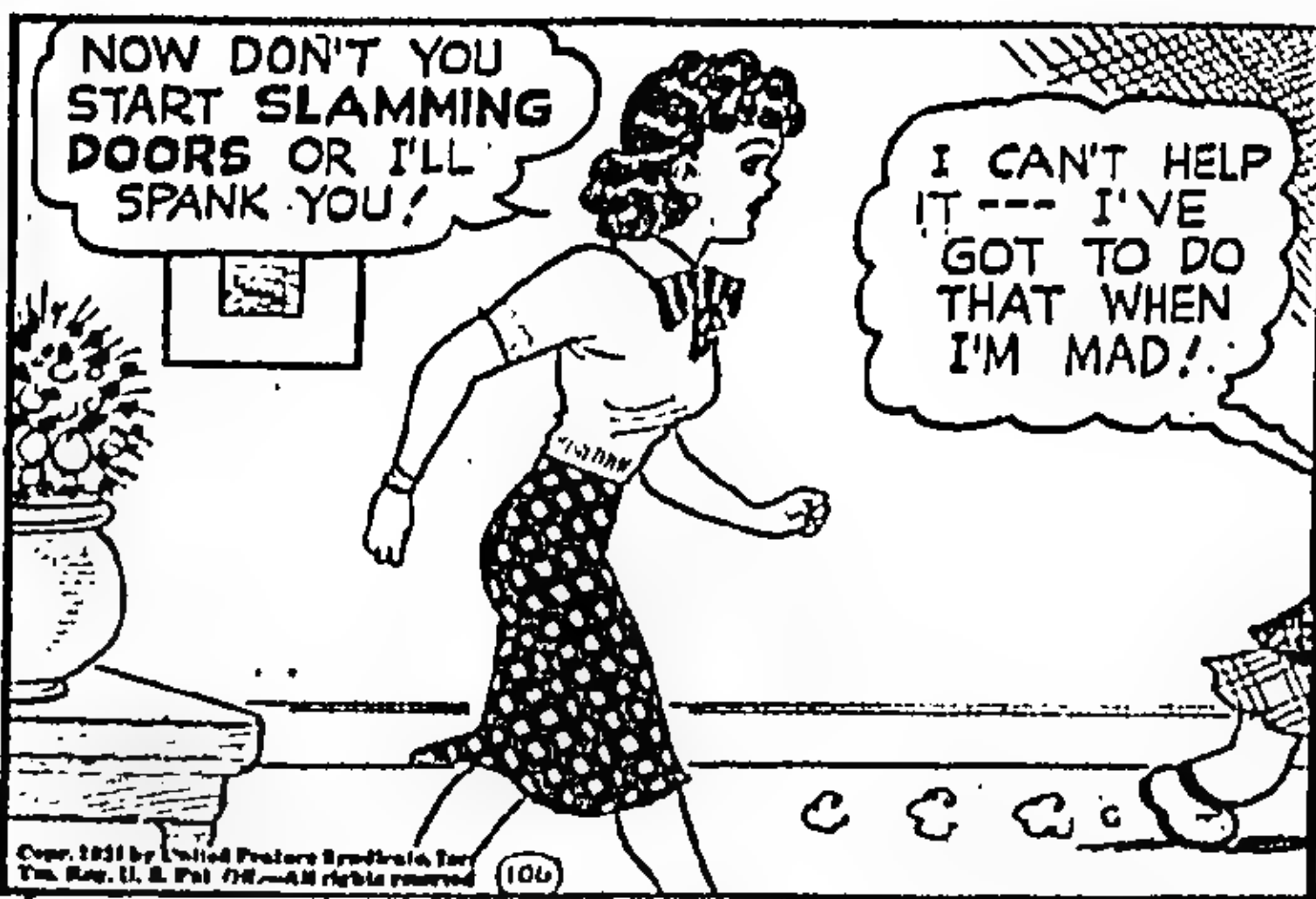
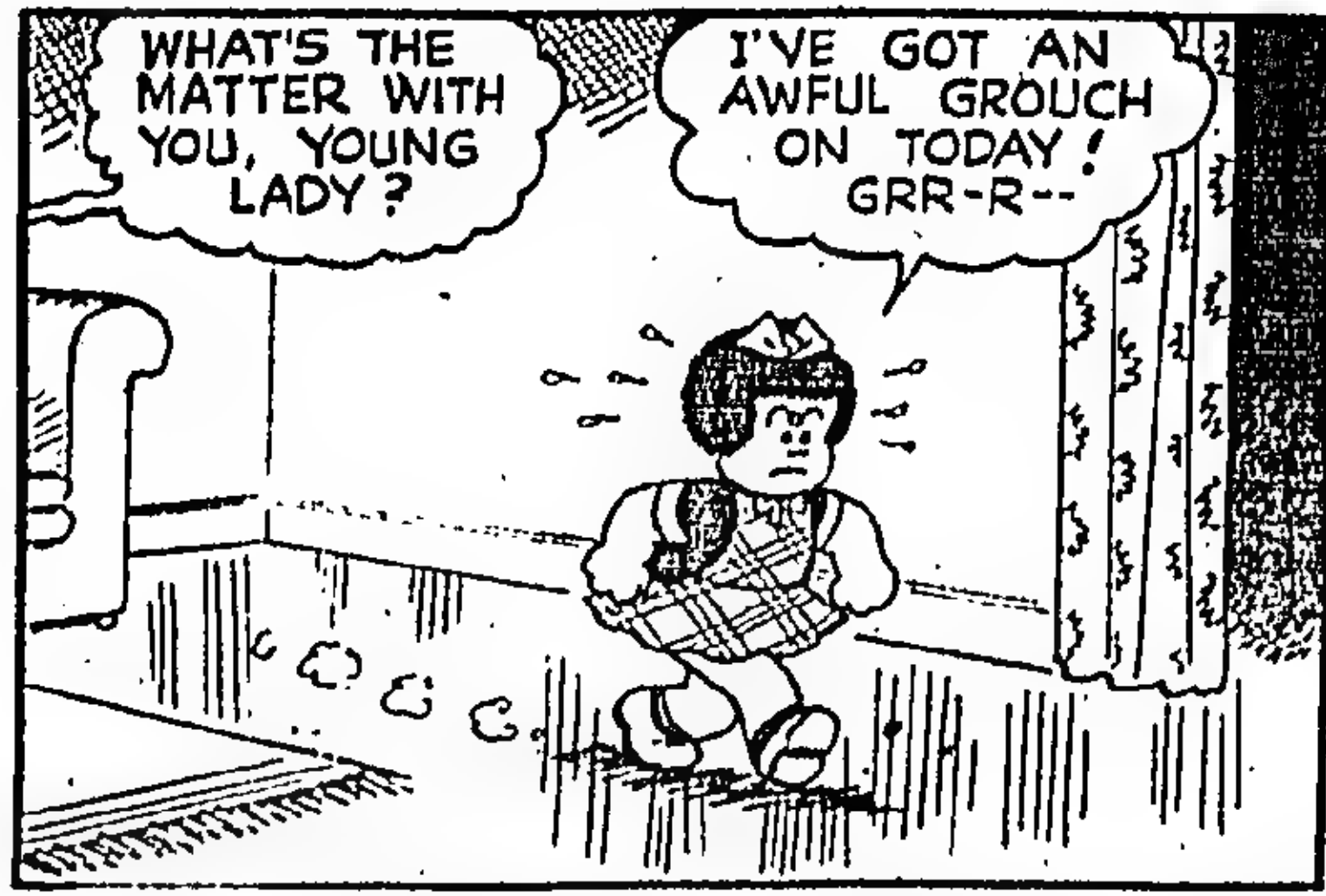
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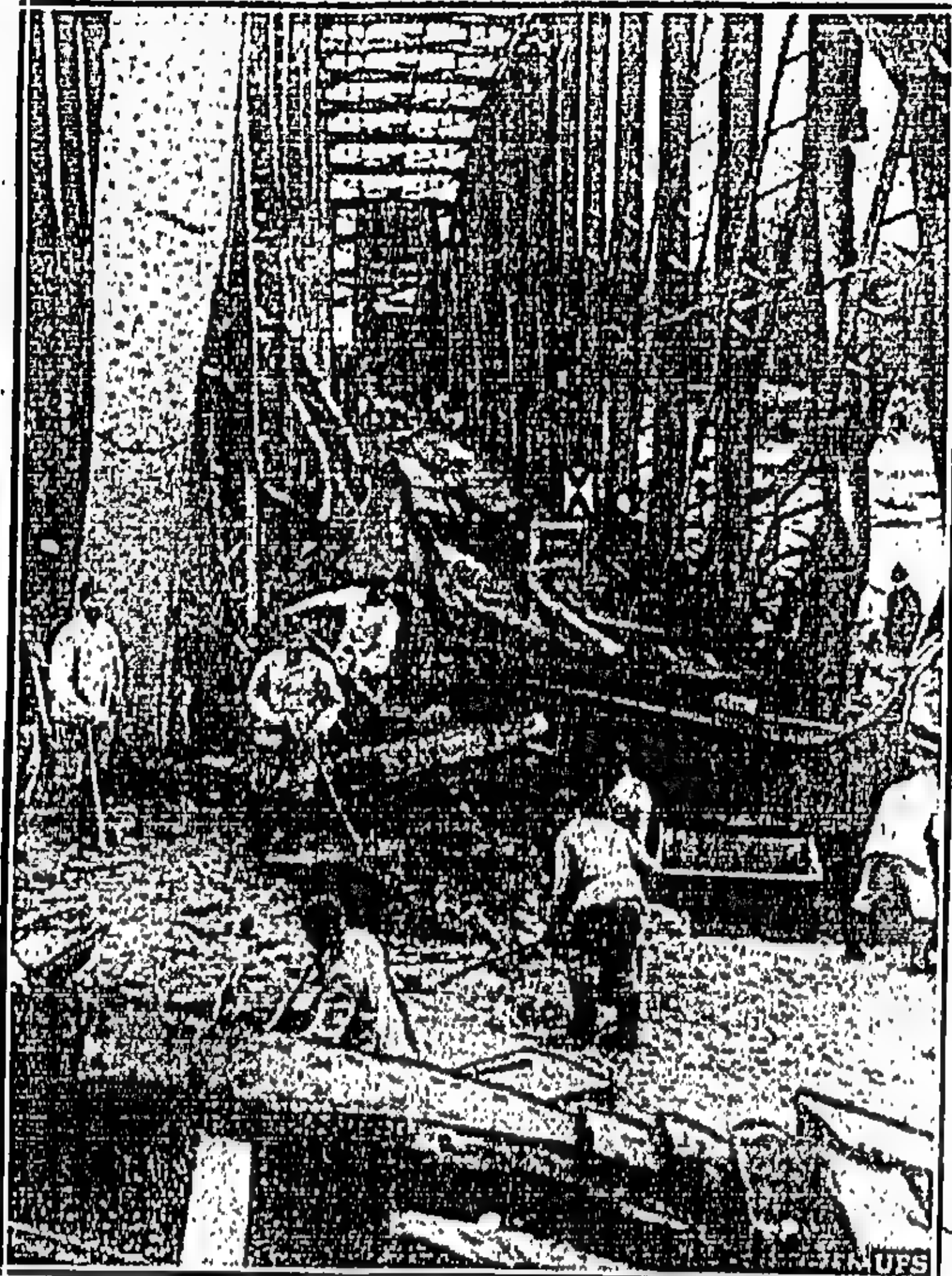
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



FORCED LABOUR—Poles who have been impressed into "work service" in the part of Poland occupied by Germans repair this bridge near Thorn, which was dynamited by the retreating Polish army to impede the Nazi advance.

LEFT TO DIE IN SINKING NAZI SHIP

DISOBEDIENCE SAVED LIVES

London. Official appreciation of a lance corporal's disobedience at Blackpool was expressed by General Sir Henry Jackson—General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Command.

The lance corporal rescued five unconscious men from a blaze at the Indian Theatre at Blackpool, and in spite of his severe burns, applied artificial respiration to them.

BRITISH SEAMAN WAS LOCKED UP

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM BARNARD, who was left to die, locked in a cabin in the doomed German steamer Olinda, is back at his home in Dimond-road, Southampton. He had served on German ships for some time and was a quartermaster in the Olinda when the war started.

The ship was bound for South America. When the declaration of war was known on board, the captain ordered Mr. Barnard to be locked in a cabin as a prisoner.

The next day they met a British warship, which ordered the crew to leave before the Olinda was sunk.

"They abandoned ship," Mr. Barnard said "but left me still locked in the cabin."

Two Hours in Sea
"I was trapped. I wrenched off a brass fitting from the electric light and with it battered down the door-panel until there was a hole large enough for me to squeeze through."

"But even then I was not out of danger. I had to jump overboard from the sliding ship."

"I was swimming about in the sea for over two hours."

"The British warship came quite close to me once, but I was not noticed."

"It turned away and it looked as though there was no hope."

The Lucky Turn
"But then it made another turn, spotted me, and sent a boat."

Mr. Barnard was landed in South America and was sent home by a British Consul.

BRIBE FOR DANES

£100,000 Fund To Buy The Press

Copenhagen. A Nazi scheme to bribe or blackmail neutral newspapers and periodicals into printing pro-German and anti-Allied material has come to light in Copenhagen.

An office has been taken in the Dagmar Hus, Denmark's most up-to-date office building, by a "verbege-selschaft," or "advertising" and propaganda company, to place advertising of German goods in Danish publications.

The office is under the direction of a Mr. A. Jensen, and more than £100,000 in cash has been placed at its disposal as a first instalment for "buying advertising space."

German agents have made it clear that no Danish publications will receive any orders for advertising space unless they revise their editorial policies in a pro-German direction. The more pro-German they show themselves the more advertising they will be allotted.

One Link in Chain

As soon as the full implication of this impudent scheme came to light, a special meeting of the council of Denmark's incorporated practitioners in advertising passed a resolution urging members not to accept the account of the "verbege-selschaft."

Though the war has badly hit nearly all Danish periodicals, the two leading weekly magazines, "Hjemmet" and "Dansk Familie Journal," have indicated that their editorial policies are not for sale and that they do not propose to accept advertising from the "verbege-selschaft."

Mr. Jensen has a staff of about 15 who talk persuasively to influential members of the Danish Press.

The "verbege-selschaft" is a link in a chain which Germany hopes to construct in all neutral States of Europe and America. Similar organisations are working or being planned for Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Chile and other countries.

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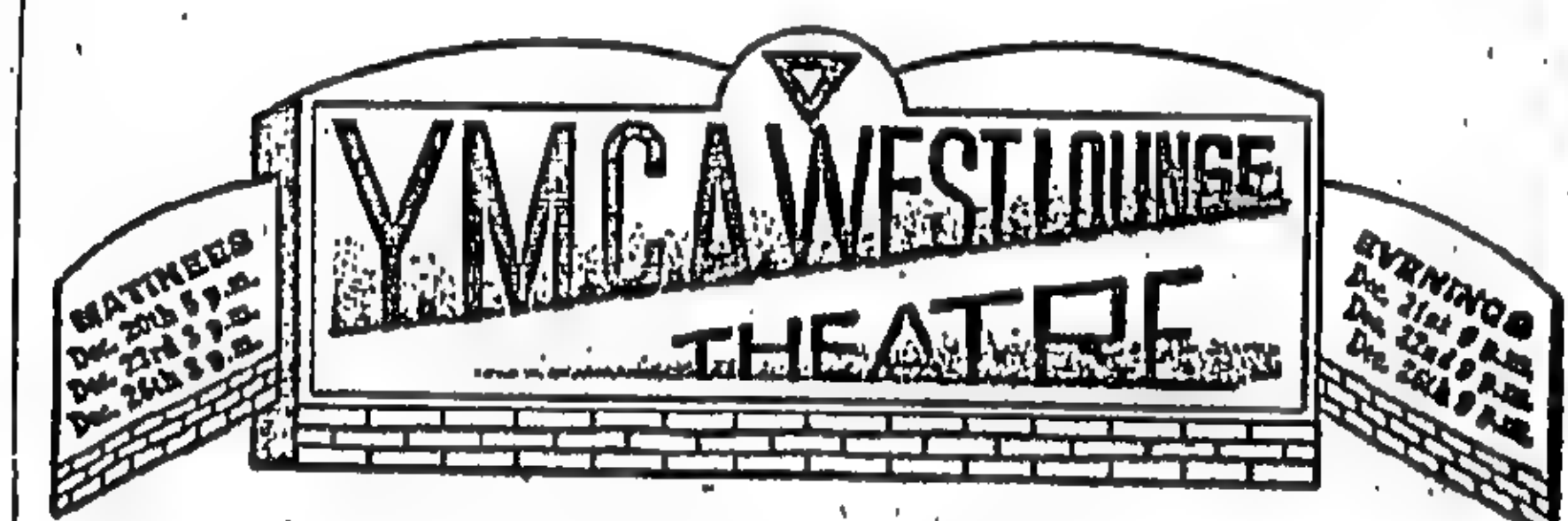
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Singing For Red Cross

COUNT JOHN McCORMACK, who sang his farewell in London last year, while hundreds of women wept, has come out of his retirement to help Britain in the war.

The fifty-five-years-old tenor whose voice has been heard all over the world for a quarter of a century, sang at Manchester in aid of the Red Cross. And his voice will be heard again soon in London. All through the winter he will go from one place to another.

"When I retired from concert work last year," he said, "I never dreamed I should so soon be making such a strenuous tour. But I want to show in a practical way my sympathy for the country of Chopin, Paderewski and Kescelusko—they were all Poles."

All the profits of his tour will go to the Red Cross. All the largest halls have been booked, and he hopes that thousands will hear him. Count McCormack will take with him on the tour, as an accompanying artist, Miss Sarah Buckley, a former Lancashire mill-girl.

WAR HIDDEN FROM KIDDIES

New York. Twelve hundred child refugees of the conflict in Spain have been kept in ignorance of the outbreak of the European war. The Spanish children are billeted in eight colonies in France.

Elio G. Musgerdige, Executive Secretary of the foster parents plan for Spanish children, said Miss Esme Odgers, American administrator of the group's headquarters here the children might become "unmanageable," if they knew about the war, because of their fear of air raids.

Mr. Musgerdige said the children had endured for 2½ years "the incessant bombing in Spain."

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He thinks her contralto voice comparable to Clara Butt's, and that she will soon be famous.

STALIN'S DOWNFALL FORECAST BY RED

By William Henry Chamberlin

CANNES. It is not very often that Stalin is criticised by a Soviet citizen. Indeed one might accurately say that the privilege of criticising a dictator may only be purchased by ceasing to be a citizen of the country over which he rules. An indictment of Stalin has just been drawn up by Fyodor Raskolnikoff, former Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria, who was recently declared an outlaw because of his refusal to return to the Soviet Union, where he doubtless anticipated the fate of many other diplomats who have been victims of Stalin's prolonged and comprehensive purge.

Like many other individuals who have fallen into disfavour in the Soviet Union during the last few years, Raskolnikoff was a picturesque and glib figure in the early days of the Revolution. A leader of the turbulent Kronstadt sailors, who were strong supporters of bolshevism, Raskolnikoff was captured by the British during the

period of Allied intervention in Russia and told me with a smile that he learned English in Brixton Prison when I met him in Moscow. He was subsequently exchanged and took command of naval operations of a Soviet gunboat flotilla on the Volga River and the Caspian Sea. He possessed some literary talent and published a play of the French Revolution entitled "Robespierre."

Open Letter

From his place of refuge in Cannes, in southern France, Raskolnikoff published an "open letter to Stalin," from which the following excerpts are characteristic:

"You practice politics without ethics, power without honour, socialism without regard for the human being. This socialism is as far from true socialism as your arbitrary personal dictatorship is from the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"You have calumniated and shot the companions of Lenin, Kameneff, Zinovieff, Bukharin, Rykoff and others, of whose innocence you were very well aware. Before their death you forced them to express repentance for crimes which they have never committed."

"On the eve of a war you are destroying the Red Army, the pride of the country, the bulwark of its power. You have decapitated the Red Army and the Red Navy. You have killed the most gifted of our officers, headed by the brilliant Marshal Tukachevsky. Where is Marshal Blucher? (the former commander of the Soviet Far Eastern Army). Where is Marshal Egoroff? You have arrested them, Stalin!"

Experiences Told

Raskolnikoff described his own experiences as Ambassador in Sofia, where an agent-provocateur had caused the arrest of almost the whole personnel of the embassy, from the military attaché to the chauffeur. He called the roll of a number of well known Soviet writers, Pilniak, Tretlakoff, Arosleff, Taganov-Rodionoff, who had been arrested. He also mentioned the aviation constructor, Tupoleff, and the Marxist theoretician producer Meyerhold as among those who had been arrested and two well known natural scientists, Professors Ipatieff and Chelobanin, as having been forced to flee from the country. Apostrophising Stalin again, he writes:

"Like Hitler you have rekindled the auto-da-fé of books of the Middle Ages. I have seen with my own eyes huge lists of books, to be destroyed without delay, sent to Soviet libraries. On these lists, in regard to numerous names of authors, one finds the instructions: 'Suppress all books, pamphlets and pictures.'"

Further reproaching Stalin with refusing to admit political refugees from Spain and other countries, Raskolnikoff ends his letter with a prediction that the Soviet dictator will be overthrown and that his crimes will be punished.

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EATING
SEASON

WHAT a pity if our Christ-
mas festivities were
spoiled because we had put
off a visit to the dentist.
A nagging toothache can mar
the most delicious pudding of
mince pie.

If you are one of the many who
suffer from that nasty sinking feel-
ing which accompanies the ordeal
of the dentist's chair, it would do
you good to visit a dentist.

No need to be afraid of the
dentist, especially when he is deft and
light-handed in his movements.

Painful Talks

I do beg of you who are parents
never to discuss any painful visits to
the dentist before your children, and
never to lead them to expect pain when
they have to go themselves.

In almost every case it is entirely
unnecessary, thanks to modern
methods, but I have seen quite tiny
children on the occasion of their first
visit, to the dentist, yelling all the way
up the stairs to the waiting-room.

This can only have been caused by
unwise handling of the situation on the

part of some grown-
up, thus turning quite
a simple affair into a
nervous-straining ordeal
for some highly-
strung youngster.

Nothing could be more
disastrous.

Actually all children's
teeth should be examined
regularly once a quarter,
for tiny repairs or slight
abnormalities. You will
never be able to put
this wise rule into force
if it means hysterical
crying, and the up-
setting of other patients,
every time you bring the
child to the dentist.

Treat your children to
look upon dentists,
doctors and nurses as
their very good friends.
By doing this you will
train them to a common-
sense handling of the
situation which will
stand them in excellent
stead all through their
lives.

Teething

Now for a few words
on teething. The age at
which a baby cuts its
first tooth varies very
much. One hears of
babies cutting one or two
teeth as early as the age
of four months. Very
occasionally a child is
actually born with one
or two teeth through
the gums.

On the other hand,
perfectly healthy and
well-developed children
may not cut a tooth
until they are ten to
eleven months old.

In trying to decide whether a child
is really backward in development one
cannot therefore go entirely by the
progress in cutting teeth. Other mat-
ters need consideration.

Does the child move freely, sit up by
itself and make efforts to stand?

Is he bright and contented, and is
he making regular increases in weight?

If the answer to such queries is in
the affirmative then there need be no
real alarm if the child is a little late
in teething. The teeth are likely to

come in fairly rapid succession once he
does make a start.
By the time a child reaches his
second birthday he should have cut
most of the twenty milk teeth.

Complete Set

Ideally, they should all be through
by then, and he should be eating
plenty of solids and little or no sloppy
food, the drinks being reserved to the
end of the meal.

If you value your child's teeth as well
as his digestion you will never sanction
the "bite and sup" method of eating.
Neither will you agree to the crusts of
his bread being left, and you will
encourage him as he grows older to
enjoy the well-buttered crusts at the
ends of your loaves.

Through the process of baking, cer-
tain important chemical changes take
place in crusts, which make them
of nutritive value to children.

Many parents complain that their
children's front teeth tend to show
early signs of decay, and some dentists
ascribe this to an earlier and most

Regular visits to
the dentist mean
strong, even teeth

undesirable use of dummies.
Never forget that the child's
first and second sets of teeth are
already laid down in the jaws
long before birth, and that injuries
to these teeth can therefore occur
before they have ever appeared
through the gums.

Never think that first teeth don't
matter because they are not perma-
nent teeth. They matter enormously,
seeing that neglected decay in the
milk teeth can so quickly spread to
decay in the permanent set which is
formed beneath them.

About the age of five to six children
begin to cut permanent six-year-old
teeth. This process is sometimes
attended by a certain degree of unrest,
both bodily and mental.

Baracho is often an accompaniment,
as is also enlargement of small glands
in the neck. Extra rest and careful
attention to the bowels should put
things right quickly.

Too Many Colds

My baby appears to cut every fresh
tooth with a heavy cold. How can I
avoid this?

THE complaint that babies cut their
teeth with a cold or with a mild
attack of bronchitis is fairly common.
I am afraid that it is difficult to avoid
the symptoms entirely.

Much can be done, however, by keep-
ing him or her in the same temperature
for a few days while the tooth is
coming through.

The room should never be over-hot,
but the temperature should be even.
Rub a little vasoline on the bridge of
the nose to relieve nasal congestion,
and rub chest and back with a mixture
of olive and camellia oils.

Keep head and shoulders raised on a
fairly high pillow. Regular small
doses of fish-liver oils should be given
to all babies while teething.

Over-Crowding

Our girl, aged 11, has an eye-tooth
showing through the gum, and the
dentist advises me to have another
second tooth drawn to make room for
it. Do you think this is really neces-
sary?

I WOULD certainly advise you to
abide by your dentist's decision in
this matter if he is a qualified member
of a professional body.

Very often overcrowding occurs if
the second teeth are large, and this
necessitates the sacrifice of one or two
teeth to keep the set evenly spaced.

Hats With Back
Interest

By ELEANOR GUNN

New York—Checking up on the
fashion girls I find that small hats,
less fantastically miniature than last
winter, are the ruling class in
millinery. Pillboxes (with bumper
brims for more exclusive ones),
scooped caps, flat muffs, berets, and
high and low crowns are but brim-
less favourites. Postillions with both
draped turbans represent the prim-
mest type of the season. But with the
exception of draped turbans, practi-
cally every hat has back interest—
snoods, or streamers.

An occasional, but very occasional,
veil flows across the picture but the
snood or the so-called "bustle back"
hat is sufficiently interesting in itself
and needs no flatter.

Looking toward jackets, see
whether I'm not right about the
following:

Separate jackets galore—mono-
tone and plaid woollens with the
bright red separate jacket definitely
daring such costumes as of this win-
ter. Newest in separate jacket styles
is the addition of a fur collar—in the
mood of feminising what was former-
ly just a casual sacque.

Longer jackets become an actuality.
Wrist length, with closely fitted lines
which means curved-in waists and
snug hips, describes these new jackets
usually in four-button single-breasted
styles. The coupling of these longer
jackets with flared skirts gives an en-
tirely new character to tailored suits,
which are, by the way, worn by the
swankiest set, becoz, becoz, they are
nice under fur shorties.

Don't Take
It Too
Literally

Paris, Dec. 11.
A communique issued this morning
says there is nothing important to
report.

When an official communique states
there is nothing important to report
it does not mean there is no fight-
ing, declares M. Charles Morice in
Le Petit Parisien, regarding the
fighting on the Western Front.

The fighting is different from the
last time, but still there is fighting.
Daily from one end of the battle
front to the other some 40 units, 20
on either side, totalling between
1,000 to 2,000 men each, are in con-
tact.

The fighting occurs in unoccupied
territory between the two advance
lines and the defence, which in some
places is separated by four or five
miles.

Both sides fight with the aid of
machine guns, hand grenades and ar-
tillery. A test of strength takes
place in the open ground which is
enclosed by small posts occupied dur-
ing the day and almost evacuated at
night time.

Mr. Morice concludes that often it
is ferocious fighting—Reuter Bul-
letin.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

A physical training competition
open to local Vernacular Schools has
been arranged by the Education De-
partment as follows:

Kowloon Schools Thursday, Decem-
ber 21, at 9 a.m. at Kowloon Football
Club ground.
Hongkong Schools Friday, Decem-
ber 22, at 9 a.m. at Hongkong Foot-
ball Club ground.

The final will take place at 11.30
a.m. on Friday, December 22, when
His Excellency the Governor will be
present. There will be a short de-
monstration by pupils from Senior
Schools.

GOLF CHAMPION WEDS

London, Dec. 11.
Henry Cotton, British golfer, has
married Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss, a
wealthy Argentinean he met while on
a golfing tour.—Reuter.



Demure and ultra chic is this correlated evening frock of
champagne marquisette and sequins. Completely covered up from
neck to toe, with full long sleeves to achieve the "covered up
look" so fashionable to-day, it gains further elegance through the
sequin outline of midriff, as designed by Myron Herbert.

SMALL MONEY

French Police Discover
Car Full of Coppers

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

In the midst of the small money
shortage which has forced business
throughout the city to print their
own trade coupons, the French Police
halted a motor car carrying two
Chinese and Baron Gros, of the
French Consulate, for a routine
search when they discovered 180,000
copper coins which had no been in
local circulation since shortly after
the outbreak of war, when the
Japanese allegedly purchased the
majority of the coins for the purpose
of extracting the copper for munition
manufacture.

VARIETY CONCERTS

The Hongkong University Women
Undergraduates' Club will hold a
variety concert, under the dis-
tinguished patronage of Lady Northcote,
in the Great Hall of the University
on December 14 at 6 p.m. for school
children, and again on December 15
at 8.45 p.m. for the public.
The proceeds of the concerts are in
aid of the British War Organisation
Fund, the Hongkong University Union
Chinese Medical Relief Association,
and the Chinese War Orphans.

The Chinese have so far not dis-
closed what they were doing with
the copper coins, which have been
destroyed in the French. Police head-
quarters.—United Press.



A silver fox trimmed coat with
pockets worked beneath the
tuxedo. The fur above the
waistline is wider and free of
the body, slenderising the waist
itself.

SHORT CUTS

When cooking in a double-
boiler, be sure that the top sec-
tion is partially immersed in
water in the section below.

Baked, stuffed onions should be
parboiled first. Then remove as much
of the centre as desired, fill with a
bread or vegetable stuffing and bake
in a moderate oven until browned.

When shopping for a cookie jar,
remember that a low, wide one is
best.

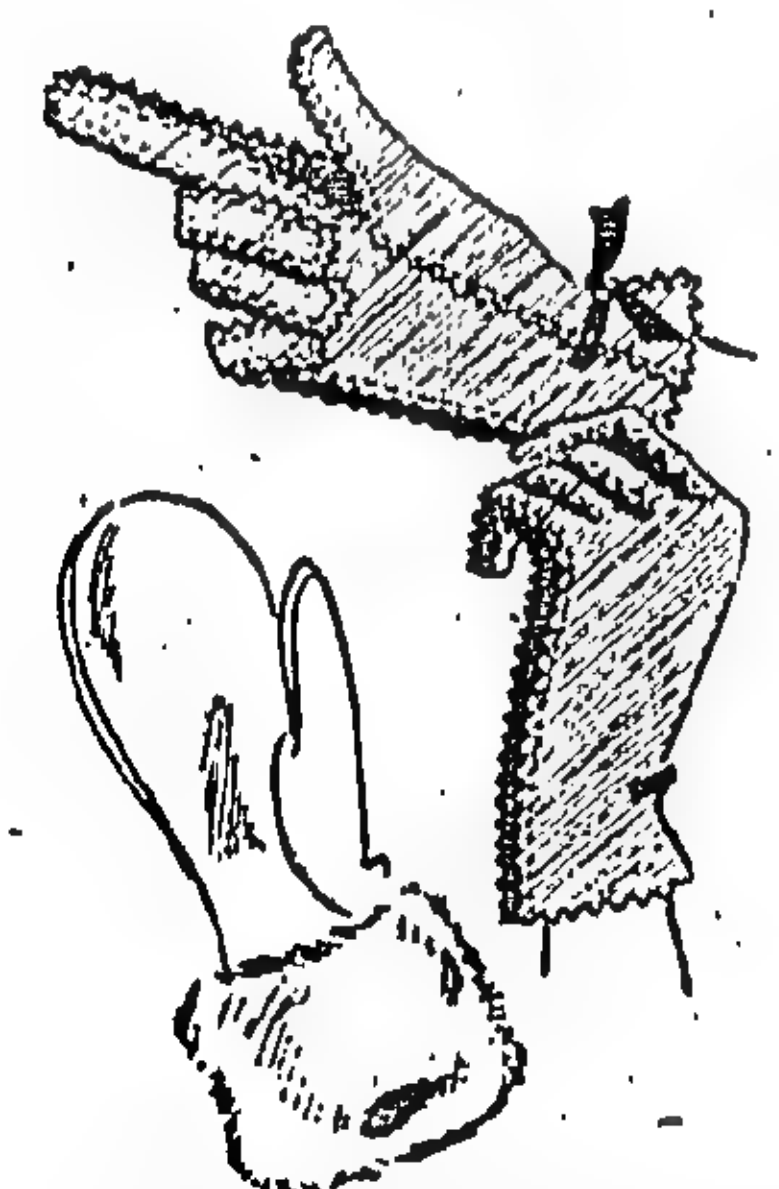
Wilted vegetables will taste better
if they are crisped and freshened by
soaking in cold water before cooking.

When children grow tired of cereal
cooked in porridge form how about
baking some rice muffins for a
change, or nut bread in which bran
and graham flour are equally mixed
with white flour, or oatmeal cakes?

In making tea, a teaspoonful of
grated orange or lemon rind for each
four to six cups may be placed in the
teapot with the tea before adding
boiling water.

Good pot holders are large
enough to protect the hands com-
pletely, flexible enough to hold
things easily and easy to wash.
They should always be immacu-
late.

In making fruit salad, choose small
oranges for slicing large oranges for
segmenting.



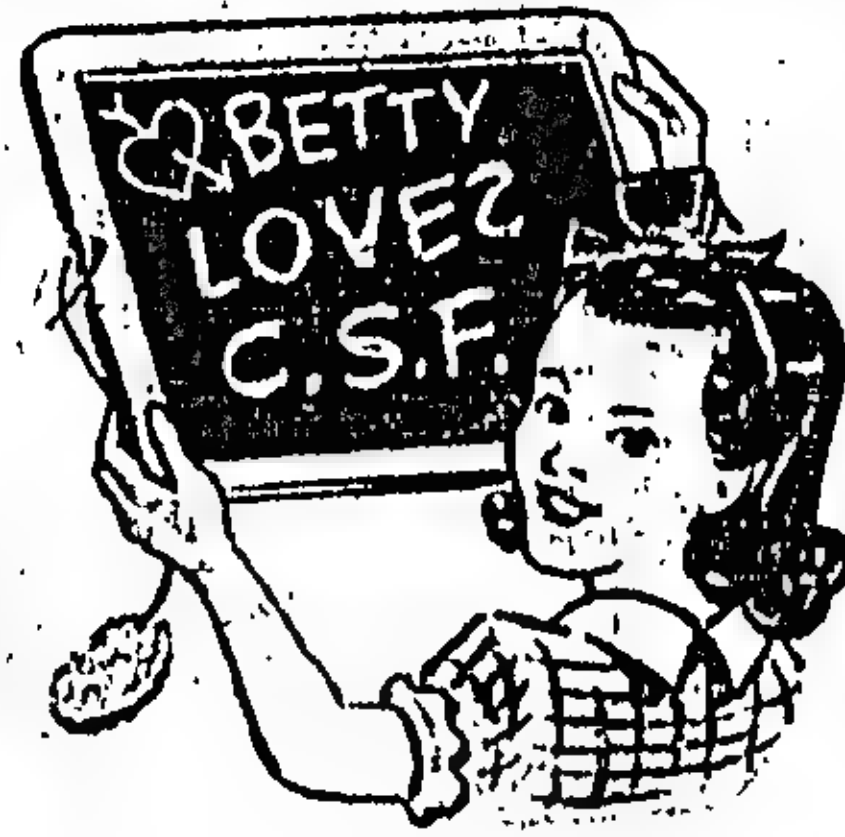
For a schoolgirl, the gloves
sketched above are just the thing
for an appropriate Christmas gift.
The novel pinked-edged, finger-
free gloves at top are good for
everyday wear, while the big
warm woolly glove of lamb skin
would be ideal for sports.

LOST CAVES AS
RAID SHELTERS

LONDON.—The long-lost
caverns of Blackheath have
been found again and now they
may be turned into an air raid
shelter for suburban Greenwich.

The caves—four rooms in the
chalky earth under the site of one
of the world's first golf courses—
were open to the public for years
but in 1853 they were closed as un-
safe. Fallen material blocked the
entrance and they were forgotten.

Workmen have sunk a 40-foot
shaft and rediscovered them. The
Borough Council is considering in-
stalling some timbers to make a
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TOO LONG

Cheung Chau residents are labour-
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are shortly to petition the Govern-
ment.

The complaint is in connection
with the new ferry service intro-
duced after the outbreak of hostilities
in Europe which necessitated the
laying of mine fields in Colony
waters. The West Lamma Channel
mine area is in the direct route of
the Cheung Chau still, allowing the
result that the ferries are diverted.
This journey takes two hours, about
double the time of the direct route.

Cheung Chau residents are asking
why they should be put to this in-
convenience, particularly when the
West Lamma Channel could be effec-
tively mined and still allow ferries to
use the direct route. A bamboo
pier could be erected opposite Cheung
Chau Hospital for the landing of
passengers and particularly the large
quantities of ice used for preserving
fish.

Curtailed Service
The present route is so long that
it only allows of two ferries running
per day between Cheung Chau and
Hong Kong, whereas five ferries were
considered inadequate formerly. The
big rush of refugees has meanwhile
considerably worsened the situation.
The present population of Cheung
Chau is about 12,000 Chinese and
200 Europeans.

"This is a matter on which the
Cheung Chau Residents' Association
feels very strongly," said an official
of the Association yesterday. "The
tremendous hardship has been caused to
the island folk and it is our intention
to petition the Government. I
am certain that when the Govern-
ment sees how easy it is they will
rectify matters."

It is understood that a petition
signed by all the European residents
and leading kaitongs of the island
has been drawn up, and is to be pre-
sented to the Government during the
next few days.

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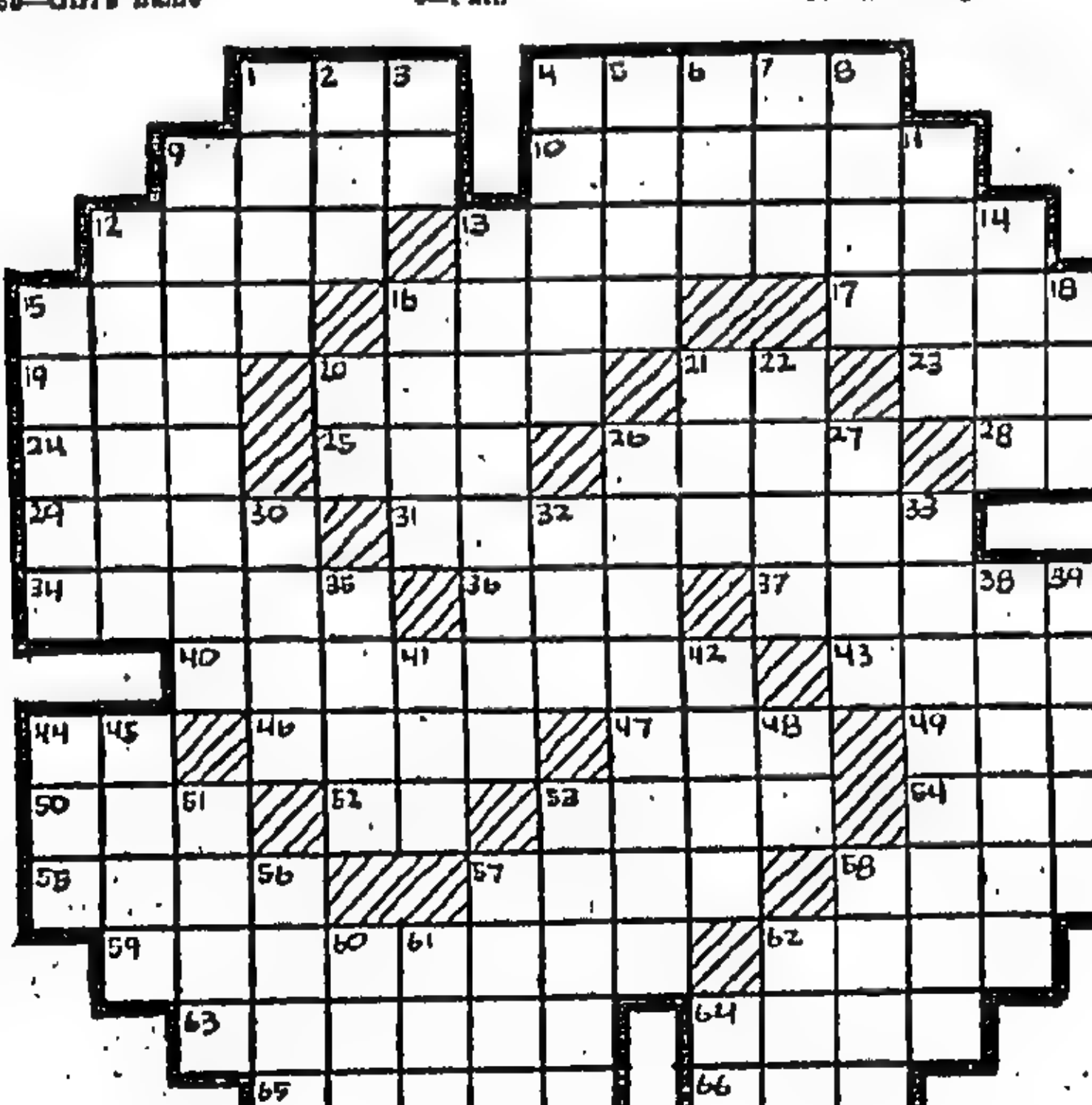
By LARS MORRIS


ACROSS

- 1—River in Russia
- 2—Benjaminian
- 3—Lute
- 4—Examination
- 5—Gothic figure
- 6—Grave
- 7—Mormon name (poss.)
- 8—Celtic
- 9—Presiding
- 10—Shiand Island
- 11—Frescoed
- 12—Run god
- 13—Ball arrangement
- 14—Bustful condition
- 15—Kind of mosaic
- 16—Make dirty
- 17—Denial
- 18—Belial
- 19—Supernatural
- 20—Belle and
- 21—Always (poetic)
- 22—Obstacle
- 23—Evergreen shrub
- 24—Meadow
- 25—That thing
- 26—Carrier
- 27—Derog
- 28—The whole
- 29—Hall
- 30—Close by
- 31—Dus
- 32—Large serpent
- 33—Orbits
- 34—Pointed arch
- 35—Girl's name

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Hearing organs
2—Pit cut
3—Containing form: within
4—Opening device
5—Wandering aimlessly
6—Run together
7—Pacific Island trees
8—Laid out
9—Bluff in God
10—First mad
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R.A.F. MEN DESCRIBE A THRILLING AIR BATTLE

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

Standing in the mud of a Service aerodrome in France this morning, I talked with the three Royal Air Force pilots who were directly involved in yesterday's successful battle with German 'planes over the British lines.

Scattered around the improvised field were the squadron's fighter machines, some ready for instantaneous take-off, others being refuelled and checked by mechanics.

The weather was cold and misty, and the ceiling almost zero, all in sharp contrast to the bright sunny day and blue sky with unlimited horizon that yesterday tempted the German 'planes to make their disastrous attempt at a photographic reconnaissance over our positions.

The three pilots, aged respectively 22, 23 and 26, had none of them been in the Service for more than three years. All previously had been in business.

One had been with a firm of flour millers, the second, hailing from Surbiton, had worked in the City, and the

third had originally been an apprentice at the De-Havilland works in England.

All pilots flew single-seater Fighters. One had shot down one of the Germans after a brief air battle and followed him down to watch him land in field far behind the British front.

The other had forced the second 'plane down into Belgium. He was, of course, unable to follow him into neutral territory, but he told me that the machine appeared to be plunging earthwards out of control, with smoke emerging from the tail, and that it seemed certain it must have crashed.

Spotted At 20,000ft.

The alarm was given shortly after 10 yesterday morning, and within 2½ minutes half a dozen of our machines were in the air.

At almost the same time one of the German Heinkel twin-engined bombers was spotted flying very high, about 20,000 feet and the two machines that started to chase him had a full 40 minutes' flight at top speed.

The German machine made little attempt to evade pursuit, but continued flying in a straight line, apparently unaware he was being followed.

As our machines started to come within range, the German rear gunner swung in his swivelling hammock seat in the upper part of the gun cockpit in the tail, started firing bursts, but his aim was poor or the range too far as they did no harm.

Our other machine, coolly waiting for the perfect range, roared on to the enemy, and finally, from within only a few hundred yards, gave him a full burst from the synchronised machine-guns that made up the armament of his fighter.

Spiralled To Earth

The pilot, who, as I saw him this morning in well-pressed uniform and brightly polished black shoes, resembled anything but the rough and tumble fighter freshly engaged from an aerial dog fight, told me he could plainly see his bullets spatter into the enemy's fuselage.

Smoke started to emerge from the German machine and one propeller cut out. The German gunner's machine gun immediately stopped.

Appeal For Support

Horticultural Society To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hong-kong Horticultural Society is to be held in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, December 19 at 5.15 p.m.

The report of the Society states: The annual show of flowers and vegetables took place at St. John's Place (opposite the Helena May Institute) on March 9 and 10, and was a great success. There was a record attendance this year, but considering the large number of residents who could avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Society of seeing a show of flowers and vegetables comparing very favourably with any provincial show in England, the Committee hopes the public will patronise the show in still larger numbers. The number of entries also constituted a record, and extra staging had to be constructed to accommodate all the exhibits.

The membership roll stands at 10 like members and 223 ordinary members as against 19 like members and 232 ordinary members in the previous year. As the membership roll is decreasing each year, the Committee appeals strongly once again to all members to make an endeavour to induce as many of their friends as possible, who are interested in gardening, to join the Society. The financial state of the Society remains sound.

Atlantic Crossed In 13 Hours

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' flying-boat Cabot has made a new record for the flight from Ireland to Newfoundland—13 hours, 2 minutes, writes the Air Correspondent.

The previous record for the east-to-west crossing of the North Atlantic of 13hr. 22 min. was set up by Captain D. C. T. Bennett in Mercury, upper half of the Mayo consular machine, in 1937.

Captain Gordon Store was pilot of Cabot. Since the war began Imperial Airways have carried on the regular North Atlantic mail service between London and New York.

When ice closes the marine air bases at Newfoundland and Montreal, Britain's only air link with the American continent will stop.

WITH THE RIVAL PATROLS

Front Line Night Adventures

By RICHARD CAPELL
"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent with the French Army

FRANCE.

November brought downpours of rain, day after day, and now the hills have already been seen trying on, as it were, their mantle of snow which will before long be their regular wear.

The rivers are in flood, and all this spells the abomination of mud for infantry and artillery.

I have visited in the last few days batteries of various calibres and also the outposts of a cavalry regiment, which has left its horses in the rear and is holding a section of the front line.

The ways are woodland paths which have been trampled into a slough, it is not yet the desperate mud of a hand that has been blasted with shelling. The country has known nothing of such bombardments as turned brooks from their courses and made pools, like those of the old Passchendaele front, in which a man can drown.

The Whispering Post

It is still rare to see a field pitted with shell-holes, and such firing as there is seems indolent, as though some battery had taken it into its head to fire a few score of rounds out of boredom with the dank autumnal day.

But the mud is such as to make the lot of these gunners unenviable enough by ordinary civilian standards. A unit in the front line consents to a visit being paid to one of its observation posts. The stipulation is made that conversation shall be in a whisper, for the Germans are near.

The Germans, too, must have been whispering. Or perhaps they had nothing to say to one another that afternoon. Not a word, at any rate, was to be heard from their side.

Sheep Dogs Give Alarm

The Germans are said to have clever collaborators in their sheep-dogs, which are trained to detect French patrols. If the dogs are out with the German patrol they "point" like a retriever when they detect the French party. But if a dog is out by itself it is trained to go back barking to its masters if it has "smelt" men of the other side.

I talk with a soldier. He tells me things about the night's work not for publication, and winds up by saying that the Germans are not really half so crafty as they are made out to be.

He is plastered with mud, and his five days' growth of beard makes him look a magnificent brigand. But at home, in smiling valley of the Loire, he keeps a tobacco shop. He shows me his dug-out. It is tolerable as such things go, but less than snug.

Late at night I can get out of muddy, pities and stretch myself on a dry bed. But sleep does not come at once, for thinking of my tobacco-stand from the Loire in his dank and hazardous wood.

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One-Third of City Destroyed By Bombings STARVATION CLAIMS MANY POLISH LIVES

RIGA.
According to the investigations of Dr. Otto, the German Mayor of Warsaw, more than one-third of the houses there have been completely destroyed and one-fifth very badly damaged, though not beyond repair.

There are besides a number of less badly damaged buildings. Destruction was caused chiefly by artillery, not by bombs. The number of inhabitants killed is not yet, if it ever can be, ascertained.

It is estimated at some 50,000; but hundreds of corpses are believed to be still buried under the debris.

People are still in great distress; thousands are without a permanent dwelling; and many are destitute and without the means of earning a living.

The supply system is not yet able to meet the difficulties of feeding and clothing the people.

Warsaw's plight is that of the greater part of the area of Poland occupied by Germany.

The towns and villages abound in aimless paupers, uprooted from their homes, wandering, hungry, and hunted creatures. The provisioning system scarcely anywhere approaches adequacy.

Trustworthy travellers and refugees say that the number of deaths from underfeeding and exposure is appalling.

Celebrations in Posen
The Germans have patched up the Polish broadcasting stations and give nightly programmes, most of which are cheering relays in the German language from Reich stations.

The German authorities have announced that a five-day festival is being organised in the province of Posen with "splendid new entertainments to celebrate the reconquest of this cradle of ancient German culture."

Dr. Frick, the Minister of the Interior, has promised to attend the celebrations, of which one important item will be a speech by Herr Greiser, former President of the Senate of Danzig, and now head of the civil administration of Posen.

The festival is to culminate with some "tremendous political announcements by some of the Reich's best orators in all towns of the Posen district."

There is less apparent destitution in this province than in the others, chiefly because the Polish inhabitants have been simply expelled from the region to make room for new German colonists, part of them from the Baltic States.

At Lodz German theatrical companies have arrived from Breslau and elsewhere to entertain the depressed town, and, according to the German announcement, "to breathe on it with the breath of historic Prussia."

BERLIN TELLS OF N. Z. "LOSS"
WELLINGTON, (N.Z.)

THE sinking of the fishing-boat Dolphin by battery fire in Lyttelton Harbour has not escaped the notice of the German Government, which has broadcast an account of the incident from the Berlin station.

After explaining that New Zealand was "a group of small islands in the South Pacific," the announcer said that New Zealand had recently sunk "one of its own warships" while it was in harbour.

The name of the ship, he said, was "H.M.S. Dolphin."

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The King has signed an Order-in-Council empowering Wednesday's session of Parliament to be a secret one.

Nazi Battleship Is Now A Wreck

In a remote Baltic port lies the shattered shell of the 20,000-ton battleship Gneisenau, pride of Hitler's navy.

She has been taken there ostensibly for repairs, but she has been so badly damaged that it is expected she will be broken up.

A British 1,000lb. bomb, hitting her amidships, rendered her for all practical purposes a total loss.

This achievement, only just revealed in London from a reliable German source, is the last act in the story of the historic R.A.F. raid on Wilhelmshaven, which was carried out on September 4.

The pilot of one R.A.F. bomber reported, after the raid, that a bomb from another machine had apparently "dropped dead amidships" on the Gneisenau.

The British authorities, however, were content to claim that the raiders had inflicted "severe damage."

German newspapers, obeying their Government's propaganda dictate, have always tried to minimise the effects of this raid.

Hence, the decision to tow the remains of the Gneisenau to a Baltic port. If she has to be broken up, the work will be done in a secret dockyard, and the German public will not know her fate.

The Gneisenau has been ill-fated from the beginning. At her launching in the presence of Hitler—when she was called "a miracle of German efficiency"—two chains broke and she crashed into a wall.

It was subsequently reported that several dockyard workers had been executed for sabotage.

Thailand Offers Prize For A New National Anthem

The Government of Thailand has recently offered a prize for the most suitable new words to be sung to the traditional music of its present national anthem.

LATE NEWS

There have been other Governments who have proclaimed rewards for the composition of official national anthems, but rarely do the results fulfil the official requirements.

Stirring events, rather than monetary rewards, are the incentives to those who compose the words expressing the aspirations of a people.

Two years ago the Government of Albania offered a prize of £80 for a poem to be adopted as the national anthem.

The award went to a young Albanian schoolmaster. His lyric, "O Flag, Star of Liberty," might never have seen the light without the encouragement of a State reward.

At the same time, his fervent words, taking shape at a time when small nations were being devoured by dictator States, have the authentic ring of national aspiration.

Hutton's Secret
LEN HUTTON, the Yorkshire cricketer, went on honeymoon after his wedding without letting even relatives know the destination.

His bride was Miss Dorothy Mary Dennis, of Wykeham, near Scarborough.

The wedding took place at Wykeham Church. Mr. Hutton, since the cricket season finished, has undertaken A.R.P. work at Pudsey.

Until recently, his bride was employed at Leeds.

Originally the wedding was fixed to be held at Wykeham on September 30.

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Ralph Richardson In Real Air Drama

SUB-LIEUTENANT RALPH RICHARDSON, of the Fleet Air Arm, hero of the films "Q-Planes" and "The Lion Has Wings," has come unhurt through a real-life air drama more thrilling than any he has ever acted.

His "co-star" in the adventure was a gunner wireless operator, Seaman Alan Todd.

The engine of their 'plane cut out while they were flying at several thousand feet over Hampshire.

Lieutenant Richardson fought with the controls, but the 'plane cut a crazy, topsy-turvy path, skimming tree-tops and houses for more than a mile before he was able to make a "pancake" landing in a garden.

And all that time Seaman Todd, in the 'plane's second seat, calmly sent out a report of what was happening and their position to the air base on the south coast.

On his return to the base Lieutenant Richardson told fellow officers how he had glanced back at Seaman Todd.

"He was banging that key as though we were on a normal flight, and not within a few feet of disaster," he told them.

Villagers who ran to the 'plane were in time to see Lieutenant Richardson and Seaman Todd scramble out.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER WAITS HITLER'S NOD

STOCKHOLM.—Dr. Gerhard Domagk, of Wuppertal, Germany, awarded the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine for 1939, has withheld acceptance pending possible authorisation by the German Government.

German law since Karl Ossietsky was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize forbids German citizens from accepting any Nobel prizes.

Dr. Domagk is a Director of the I. G. Farben research laboratories.

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Russian Demands Are Disclosed

GERMANS CONCENTRATE ON BRITISH SECTORS

PARIS, DEC. 11 (REUTER).—ON THE WESTERN FRONT THE NAZIS SEEM TO BE GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THAT SECTION OF THE LINE HELD BY BRITISH TROOPS.

Semi-official reports say that German patrol activity is particularly heavy in the British section. One German patrol on Sunday night attacked an isolated British outpost.

The enemy was repulsed and there were no British casualties.

OVER THE NORTH SEA

Nazi Planes Sighted
Off England

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Two airplanes, one with the swastika insignia plainly visible on the tail and the other believed to be a Heinkel bomber, flew over the British coast to-day, one in the southeast and the other over Yorkshire.

The one with the swastika reconnoitred in the southeast at a height of only about 1,000 feet. "It must have been low for us to see the swastika so plainly on its tail and the crosses under its wings," said fishermen who sighted the aircraft.

"We turned away from it because we expected anti-aircraft fire to start at any moment and we didn't want shrapnel falling around us." "We continued to see the plane for some few minutes through gaps in the clouds, but no shot was fired and there was no air raid warning." The plane over Yorkshire kept at a high altitude and retired when Royal Air Force planes appeared.

Thousands Of Motor Lorries

British Factories Work
To Capacity

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British motor industry is already working at high speed on the production of vehicles for the mechanized army.

One factory is now turning out as many lorries a day as the whole British Army had in 1914.

Although infantry lorry is a special type of lorry, arrangements have been made so that 85 per cent. of the parts are standardised.

The Ministry of Supplies to-day is the world's largest buyer of heavy vehicles.

Almost the entire production of the British industry is now engaged in war work.

A tyre suitable for a lorry travelling at 60 miles an hour has been manufactured, as also a pneumatic tyre which is virtually bullet-proof.

Big Gift From South Africa

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, has acknowledged the gift of \$100,000 raised by South African mayors.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Eden says that it is a real encouragement for Britain to receive such a welcome mark of friendship from the Union.

Cyprus Donation

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The inhabitants of Cyprus have started a fund to help the British Red Cross and have already raised £2,000—a very generous amount for so small a population.

The French official wireless commentator remarks that the performance of the British troops in the line is an event of capital importance, for it gives the lie to the insidious German propaganda that the British are leaving all the work to the French.

Weather Grounds Planes
PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—With bad weather hampering air operations, activity on the Western Front to-day was confined to patrol activity. Both sides sent out numerous patrols in an effort to probe one another's lines. Germans were particularly active south and south-west of Saarbrücken, coming up close to the Allies' advanced posts. They were repulsed with hand grenades and artillery.

Chosen To Go Into Action
LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Order of the Day issued by the Commander of the British troops in the Maginot Line begins: "You have been chosen to go into action as the vanguard of the British Army." "We shall be in very close touch with our Allies, who extend to us the warmest welcome." "Unless everyone had done his duty since arrival in France, this unique honour would not have been conferred on you."

Reduced Activity
PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A communique states that there was very reduced activity on the front during the day.

Guerilla Activity
PARIS, Dec. 11 (UP).—The French Army communique No. 198 says: "There was greatly reduced activity along the front during the day."

"Rain and poor visibility failed to interrupt guerilla fighting. German patrols were particularly active south and south-west of Saarbrücken."

In the Vosges region small detachments of ten to fifty men raided the enemy's advance posts in search of prisoners and information. Other despatches report that enemy patrols were repeatedly repulsed with hand grenades south and south-west of Saarbrücken.

The presence of a British detachment on one of the Western Front sectors is expected to have important psychological effects on the Allies' countries as well as in Germany.

Wang Still Wants Japanese To Leave

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (UP).—Amplifying the statement issued last week regarding the establishment of a new puppet administration in China, Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News" again reiterated that the withdrawal of Japanese troops must be a prerequisite.

"The withdrawal of these troops is still one of the major peace terms," the newspaper said. A new Chinese army would be ready to replace the Japanese as they were withdrawn, the newspaper added.

There are no indications that the new regime is any nearer establishment than it was two months ago.

DEMPSEY LEAVES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Clipper, which has been delayed here for a week, finally departed with Jack Dempsey aboard.

VISCOUNT GORT (left), Commander-in-Chief, of the B.E.F., Lieut.-General Sir John Dill, commanding the 1st Army Corps, and General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces, photographed in France.



Amazing Adventure Of Polish Submarine Crew

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A thrilling account of the escape of the Polish submarine Orzel from the Baltic to England became available in London to-day.

Here is just a general outline. When Germany invaded Poland, the Orzel slipped out of Gdynia and cruised submerged in the Gulf of Danzig for four days.

It was not long before she was bombed by German aircraft and so she made for the wider waters of the Baltic, dodging a cordon of Nazi destroyers on the way.

The captain was a sick man before the trip started and he was so ill that he had to be hoisted to the coming tower by a rope.

It was decided, as he grew worse, to land him in a neutral port, and so the submarine put in at the Estonian port of Tallinn, where the First Lieutenant took command.

Detained in Tallinn
As a German merchantman was leaving the port, the Estonian authorities in this manner to China's position at Geneva and to her decision not to vote on the Finnish-Soviet question.

The "News-Chronicle" says that many States have been forced by circumstances to look to their own interests rather than uphold principles.

"China certainly has no sympathy for aggressors, but does not dare alienate Russia, whose continued help against Japan is vital to her."

"The fact that the League failed to expel Japan and Italy when they violated the Covenant does not necessarily mean that such a course should not be followed now, inconsistent though it would be, but it would be quite improper to expel Russia because she is a Bolshevik State rather than because she is an aggressor."

"What the League can do is to condemn Russian aggression" in unmistakable terms and urge all Members to give help to Finland. The League is not in a position to exercise any influence militarily today, but is consolidating the attitude among the nations which one day will give birth to an international body possessing authority and power to take decisive action against aggression, wherever it may occur."

Guards Overpowered
The guard on board was also overpowered and the officer cut the wires to the searchlights and telephone.

The sound of the forward captain gave them away and the destroyers in the harbour turned.

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SOVIET INSISTENCE ON TRANSFER OF LAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 11 (UP).—FINLAND HAS ISSUED A WHITE BOOK WHICH REVEALS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE EXTENT OF THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN DEMANDS ON THE REPUBLIC.

The Soviet, "with a view to closing the Gulf of Finland to all foreign shipping," issued the following demands:

AID FROM LAPLAND

Russians Repulsed
On All Fronts

By WEBB MILLER
UP Staff Correspondent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (UP).—Heavy fighting is continuing on the south-eastern front, where the Finns have repulsed two Red attacks.

The official Finnish communique claims that three companies of Russian troops have been annihilated in the Ilomantsi sector, seventy miles north of Lake Ladoga.

The Finns launched counter-attacks at two points on this front, and met with unexpected success.

Actually, heavy fighting is now under way on a five hundred mile front, and the Russians are undoubtedly sustaining heavy losses. Russia's obsolete naval units are also displaying activity along Finland's coast. To-day, shore batteries fought a two-hour duel with warships off Kouvola, the southern seaport between Viborg and the mouth of the Gulf of Finland.

Five Fruitless Days

For five successive days the Russians have fruitlessly attempted

PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

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The "News-Chronicle" says that many States have been forced by circumstances to look to their own interests rather than uphold principles.

"China certainly has no sympathy for aggressors, but does not dare alienate Russia, whose continued help against Japan is vital to her."

"The fact that the League failed to expel Japan and Italy when they violated the Covenant does not necessarily mean that such a course should not be followed now, inconsistent though it would be, but it would be quite improper to expel Russia because she is a Bolshevik State rather than because she is an aggressor."

"What the League can do is to condemn Russian aggression" in unmistakable terms and urge all Members to give help to Finland. The League is not in a position to exercise any influence militarily today, but is consolidating the attitude among the nations which one day will give birth to an international body possessing authority and power to take decisive action against aggression, wherever it may occur."

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Further Late News**

1.—A thirty year lease of Hangoe Island and the adjoining district for the purpose of constructing a Soviet air base;

2.—Permission for three regiments of Soviet infantry and air force personnel to be stationed in the Hangoe area;

3.—An exchange of territory. Hogland, Seikaria, Labuansari, Chitalsukari and other islands west of Leningrad to revert to Soviet Russia. Part of the Karelian Isthmus to revert to Russia. In exchange, Finland would be given part of the Russian Karelian Isthmus.

"Had Finland acceded to the Russian demands, the Gulf of Finland would have been effectively blocked by Soviet artillery on both sides," the White Paper said.

Finland charged that the Russian demands were completely incompatible with the principle of Finnish neutrality, which Finland could not permit to be violated.

"Proposals were presented to Finland to open negotiations on October 14," the White Book declares.

"The Soviet refused to compromise, and maintained that their demands were the absolute minimum acceptable to them."

The White Book quotes a Soviet Note:

"The Soviet Government is unable to withdraw its proposal for the establishment of a Soviet naval base at Hangoe. They consider the proposal absolutely indispensable for safeguarding the interests of Leningrad."

The Finnish counter-proposals included an agreement to cede all islands mentioned except Suursaari (Hogland).

Finland remained adamant regarding the leasing of Hangoe Island, maintaining that it would be inconsistent with her neutrality to give up this vital strategic land.

In later negotiations, Soviet Russia suggested that Finland should sell Hangoe and the adjacent territory. Finland still refused.

BERLIN IS BLAMED

Nazis' Part In The
Red Adventure

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The French Press takes the view that Germany is as much to blame as Russia in the aggression against Finland.

"Figaro" says that the German attempt to play innocent and bring the world's condemnation on Russia's shoulders alone fools no one.

It is entirely due to Germany that there is now a war in Finland and that eastern Europe is now the prey of Bolshevism.

"Excelsior" too blames Berlin and M. Leon Blum, the former French Premier, writing in "Le Populaire" says that it is absurd to bring a crusade against Stalin alone. Hitler is equally guilty.

Nazi Threats

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (UP).—The American Committee to Aid Finland discloses the receipt of an anonymous letter and telephone threats to picket and disrupt to-night's meeting, the letter having been called in and assigned to double details.

Mr. Herbert Hoover is scheduled to address the meeting by telephone from his home in California. The proceeds of the meeting will go to Mr. Hoover's Finnish Relief Fund. Donations are pouring in and the sale of choice seats for the "Let's Help Finland" mass meeting, scheduled to be held in Madison

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Funeral Of Queen Victoria's Daughter

Flags are flying half mast to-day at Government House, military establishments and the Hongkong Club in honour of the funeral of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who died at the age of 91 on December 9.

Princess Louise was the oldest surviving child of Queen Victoria and was the first English Princess to marry a commoner.

URUGUAYAN MOVE MAY SPELL LEAGUE'S DOOM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 11 (Dome).—The League of Nations faces extinction if it fails in its Finland mission.

The Uruguayan Government has taken steps which, if adopted, will either make or break the League.

A circular message has been addressed to the eleven League member-States in South America, urging them to join with Uruguay in threatening resignation from the League if the current session fails to approve the dismissal of the Soviet as a member.

The Soviet Union this year is President of the League Council, the highest office in the League. There are 33 member-States, including the British Dominions. Mass resignation of the South American republics would reduce the League to a shadow.

Important nations which have resigned since the League was inaugurated are Germany, Italy and Japan. The United States has never been a member.



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NAVY HUNTING FOR NAZI RAIDERS

MYSTERY MOVEMENTS OF POCKET BATTLESHIPS

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

Although the Admiralty naturally preserves secrecy concerning its measures to round up the two German 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" believed to be at large, it may be taken for granted that a number of cruisers are searching for them.

Their hunt is helped by the seaplanes which all modern cruisers carry as part of their normal equipment.

In the Allied Fleets there are five vessels not only faster, but more powerfully armed and better protected, than the pocket battleships, the Admiral Scheer and the Deutschland.

It is possible that the Admiral Scheer has quitted the South Atlantic and rounded Cape Horn to pursue her depredations in the Pacific, where it will be more difficult to locate her.

Assuming, as competent opinion now inclines to do, that two raiders are at large, it seems remarkable that so far only three British ships—the Booth liner Clement, on Sept. 30, the steamer Stonegate, on Oct. 5 and the Rawalpindi—should have fallen victims to their activities.

It is known that, in addition to the seizure of the American steamer City of Flint and the sinking of the Stonegate, the Deutschland was also responsible for sending to the bottom the Norwegian steamer Lorentz W. Hansen and for stopping but not detaining two other Norwegian vessels.

This still leaves only the one ship, the Clement, to be credited to the Admiral Scheer in the South Atlantic.

SUPPLIES FOR RAIDERS

There is strong support for the belief that the Admiral Scheer has transferred herself to the Pacific. On Oct. 9 the German merchant vessel Borkum left Monte Video, on the route that the Admiral Scheer would take if southward bound, while two more steamers have since departed from ports on the other side of the continent—the Dresden from Valparaiso and the Havelland from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica.

This would accord with a system of regular supply ships similar to that instituted by enemy agents in 1914-15.

A further development that seems to be foreshadowed is that the Deutschland may be proceeding south to take up the station which the Admiral Scheer has presumably left.

On Oct. 20 the German tanker Emmy Friedrich sailed from Tampico, Mexico, with a cargo of oil fuel and five days later the steamer Togo slipped out of Bona, at the mouth of the Congo.

FASTER AND BIGGER SHIPS

All these departures may be taken as fingerposts pointing to the raiders' movements.

Although no cruiser afloat is so heavily armed as a "pocket battleship," with her six 11-inch guns, a cruiser's speed is invariably higher, by five or six knots, so that once a raider is sighted it will be hard for her to lose contact with her pursuers.

In the Allied Fleets there are the following faster and more powerful ships:

The British battle cruisers Hood, 42,100 tons, the largest warship in the world. Renown and Repulse, 32,000 tons, all three armed with 15-inch guns; and the French battleships Dunkerque and Strasbourg, 26,500 tons, armed with 13-inch guns. If either of the enemy raiders once comes within effective range of any of these five ships, her chances of survival are small.

PRISONERS AT HOME

Number Steadily Increasing

The number of Germans living in this country who have been interned "to keep them out of possible mischief," as a Government official put it, is steadily mounting.

A former holiday camp has been taken over for the men; the women are interned elsewhere. The men, most of whom are either members of the Nazi party or have Nazi sympathies, will not come before the tribunals now sitting to decide the fate of the 50,000 enemy aliens, including 35,000 refugees in Britain. They have the right to appeal against internment to an advisory committee. Their life is not harsh, but they are subject to a certain amount of discipline, and they are under military guard. Most of them have private means, or friends who assist them, and they have formed a central fund to supplement the fixed rations and buy cigarettes and other luxuries.

Leader Appointed

They run their own mess, and have appointed a leader, and a committee to control the domestic side of their lives and make representations to the camp commandant.

At present, these internees have no set tasks beyond keeping their rooms in order, but the provision of definite occupation is under consideration. They spend most of the day walking, reading, or playing chess or card games.

The German prisoners of war are at present housed in a cotton mill "somewhere in the north," which has been out of occupation for years. They are young and almost all of them are members of submarine crews. All are keen Nazis, but they display no hatred towards this country. They have been taught that Mr. Churchill is the arch-enemy of Germany, and he is practically the only British politician they have heard of.

Yankees Oppose "Scarlet"

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass.—Members of Congress have been asked to help suppress the moving picture "Gone With the Wind." The Malcolm Armistead Woman's Relief Corps wrote to senators and representatives urging the film be banned as "an insult to the Grand Army of the Republic."

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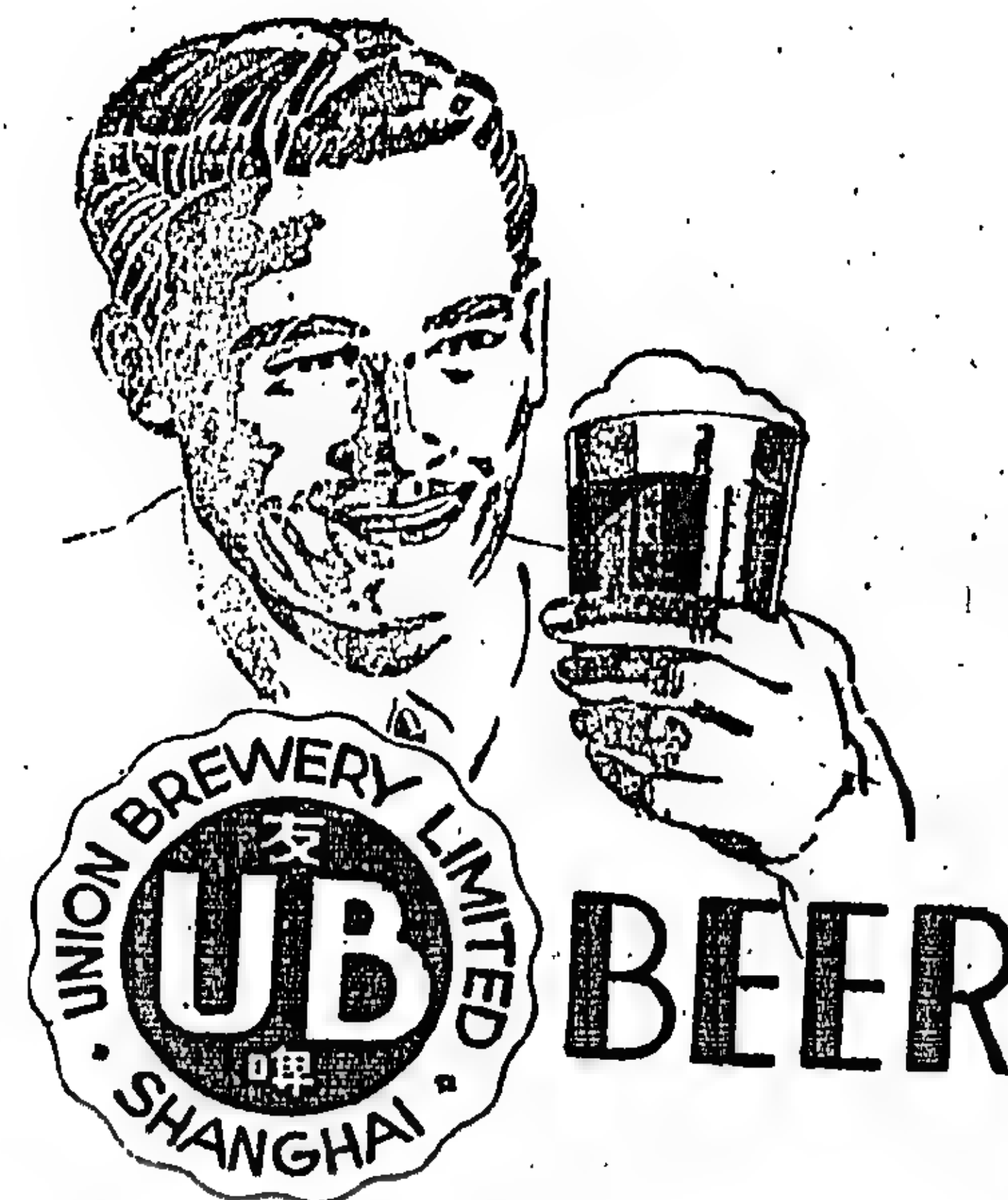
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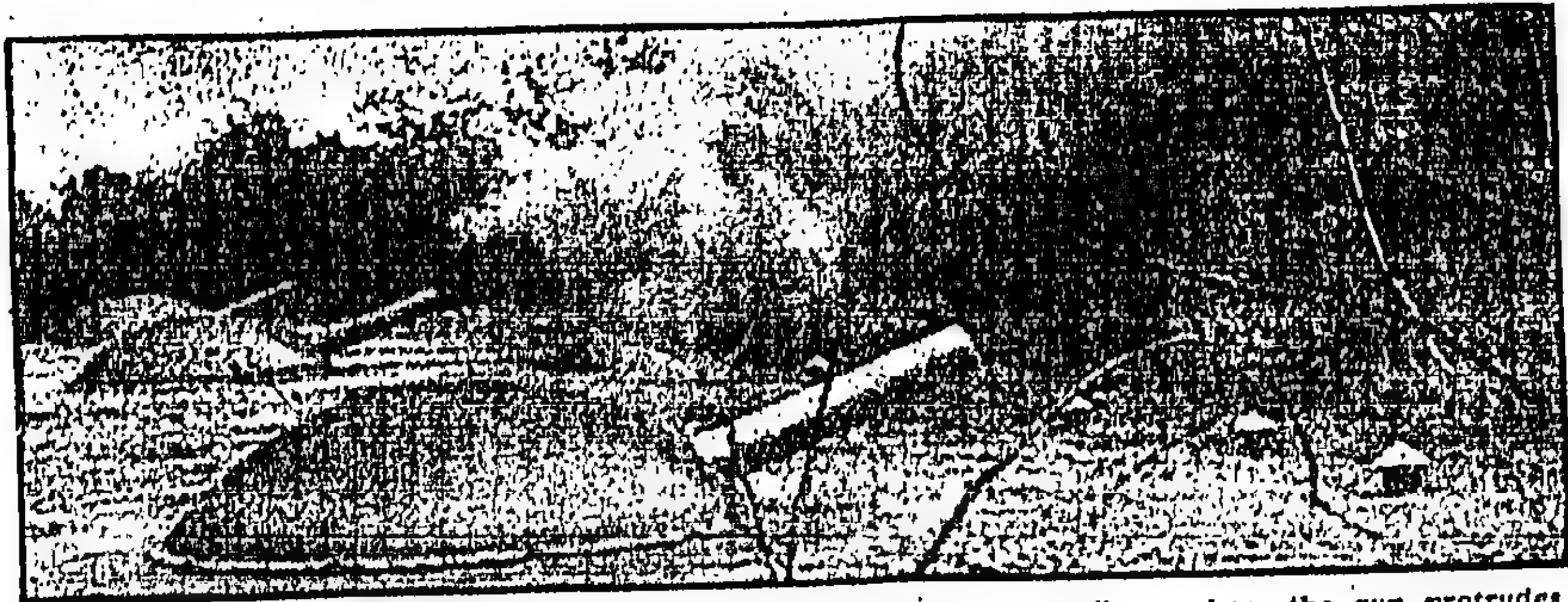


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You begin to grasp something of the extent of the technical marvels of these fortifications only when you have entered a passage the size of a London underground station.

VANISHING FLOOR

It is brilliantly lit. I passed across a section of steel flooring which, in the incredible event of the enemy penetrating so far, can be slid out of sight, leaving what seems to be a bottomless pit.

There was a door swung back as thick as the side of a wall. There was a lift. I descended slowly into the interior of France. Here was an electric train which draws trucks of ammunition and supplies, and carries passengers. It moved on with a rattling over points, ducking through archways, passing mysterious rooms, and pulling up at last close to the officers' mess.

SINGING MAJOR

After lunch there were songs. The major commanding the fort sang one, the chief artillery officer sang another, the doctor another.

They all had that terrific rhythmic emphasis which the French can give to songs. "L'Alsace," "L'Alsace," what a girl she was—and "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom"—what a girl she was, too!

On one wall hung a picture of yet another girl. It had taken the fancy of the engineer officer, and it certainly drew the eye.

Thus inspired, the engineer officer had designed a very modern bar and the artillery officer had provided a statuette of yet another girl—as its culminating touch.

Back I went to that other war, hurrying through a babel of memories. Speeches—the major toast to the British armies and the French armies and the toast to the King and the President of the French Republic. And then I proceeded to come down to—perhaps it would be more accurate to say go into—earth.

UNSEEN TARGET

I was shown the room from which the Artillery Officer, who is many yards underground beneath steel and concrete, directs his fire without ever seeing his objective. This business is so scientifically planned that it would make a fowler hop through the opening left by his shell.

I went up in the lift and peered through a hole in the wall where the gun protrudes its deadly snout.

I saw a beautiful field of fire, as the artillery officer remarked, and it extended for miles. It is crossed and criss-crossed from the sides and from other forts.

I would as soon attempt to attack a mob of armoured-plated prehistoric monsters single-handed.

Up to the surface of the riddled earth were half-a-dozen British soldiers, who had been given the hospitality of the fort, with their particular pieces of technical apparatus.

"VERY YOUNG"

They looked very young. One who said he was 18 had an engaging shyness. He said that the wine for them were French rations—was all right, but it took a bit of getting used to. He thought the coffee all right, but he missed his tea, and he thought his sleeping quarters were all right; they were lovely and warm. Which they should be, as the Maginot Line is centrally heated.

His mother will be glad to know he is feeling fine, if she can bring herself still to believe in small mercies.

A French soldier whom I passed had found a small mercy in a rabbit, which he had caught with a long stick and considerable cunning, thus proving himself a specialist like all the inhabitants of the Maginot Line.

And then, from the hazy distance, came a crash, as if a giant across the frontier had slammed a door. It was repeated at casual intervals. The first German shelling I have heard during this war.

It flicked away any sort of sentimentality I may have felt. It sounded quite mad.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE

A lecture, The Law of Maritime Capture, will be given by Mr. John Wray on Wednesday, December 13, at 8.30 p.m. in the Hongkong University Union Assembly Room. All interested are welcome.

Charitable Work Praised By H. E. The Governor

Reference to the plight of the poor in the Colony and the steady decrease of their average income during the past eight years was made at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, held at the Helena May Institute yesterday.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewill presided, and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote were among those present.

Sir Robert said: In to-day's agenda I have allotted to myself the most congenial duty of all—that of thanking the benefactors of the Society. First and foremost among these are His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, who, in spite of the strain and stress of pressing and exacting occupations have continued to find time to attend all our annual meetings, and to give us every encouragement and help.

You may have noticed that in the Annual Report there is no mention of the work of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. These officers hold three of the four "key" positions in the Society, the fourth being the important office of Hon. Director, which is at the present moment vacant. When I tell you they were primarily responsible for the compilation of the Annual Report, you will understand the reason for the omission.

An Ideal Chairman

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. Sir Atholl is an ideal chairman. He presides over us with dignity and good humour, tact and patience. During a year of heavy and increasing public and social duties Sir Atholl gave himself to the Society without stint, and his relinquishment of the chairmanship will be a serious loss. Fortunately, his wise counsel and able guidance will still be available to us.

The office of Hon. Secretary to the Society is no sinecure. It entails a tremendous amount of work, but fortunately we have in Mrs. Crozier one who is more than equal to it. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. McKellar, ably assisted by Mr. Kwock Chan, has rendered yeoman service to the Society.

Shortly after their arrival in the Colony, two and a half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Caine became members of this Society, and had ever since, until they left Hongkong, identified themselves closely with our work. The Society is much the poorer by their departure.

Another helper we have lost is Dr. Hunter who, I understand, may not return to Hongkong. She has placed us under a deep debt of gratitude not only by her whole-hearted co-operation as Medical Officer in charge of the Violet Peel Infant Welfare Centre, but also by her valuable advice as a member of the Executive Committee.

On previous occasions I have had the pleasure of giving expression to our profound appreciation of the wonderful help we have received from the Women's Auxiliary. Year after year these ladies have been the mainstay of our financial fabric, being responsible for about 30 per cent. of our total annual revenue.

Mr. de Martin's Services

As I have said, the office of Hon. Director is at present vacant. About three years ago the Society had the good fortune of securing the services of Mr. C. E. de Martin to the Society, and he filled it with singular success and distinction. In April last he left for a well-earned holiday, and on his return a few weeks ago he informed us, to our profound regret, that he was unable to resume office.

I must not forget the good work of the Branch Hon. Secretaries, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mrs. R. C. Beavan, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mrs. Pearson Grant, or of that of the Hon. Secretary for the Creche, Mrs. W. Park. To them I express very warm thanks for their help.

It is impossible for me to mention everyone by name, and I hope, therefore, that I may be forgiven if I think collectively, as I do now, the splendid band of workers who have given so much of themselves to the Society with the sole thought of alleviating and bettering the lot of poor and suffering children. (Applause.)

An Anxious Time

Sir Atholl MacGregor said: I am glad to have this opportunity by moving the adoption of the Report and the Accounts included therein, and to give a very short account of my stewardship during the past year.

It has not been an easy time or by any means free from anxiety. Only a month or two before our last annual meeting Canton fell: all through this year hostilities have continued in China and since September 3 Great Britain also has been at war.

Another matter for anxiety was the inevitable rise in the cost of imported foodstuffs owing to the war in Europe, but I am happy to say that worry on that score at least would seem now to be unnecessary.

The year has ended with a debit balance of \$706 a figure the smallness of which I regard as amazing and a most wonderful token of the support which the Society is accorded by the public. The amount of the deficit is still more remarkable when one remembers that this has been a year of considerable development, that we have dealt with more new cases than ever before and that we have embarked on a new phase of the Society's work in the running of Clubs for young children at the two Kowloon centres—an afternoon club for girls and closer and increased co-operation with the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association.

New Centre Opening

We are also opening a new centre in an area where it is very badly needed this month.

By the kindness of Mr. S. V. Boxer, I have been furnished with a chart showing the average income of each of the families with which we have dealt, the number of new cases dealt with each year and the expenditure. The chart covers the period from 1932 to the end of this year, and while expenditure over those eight years has increased only from \$21,000 to very little more than \$25,000 this year, while the figure for new cases in the past twelve months is \$2,800 or more than three times as many as in the first of the year shown on the chart.

Before I close I want to say how very indebted I have been throughout the year to our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Crozier, our Treasurer Mr. McKellar and the ladies on the Women's Auxiliary from whom no better committee can exist anywhere! (Applause.)

Officers Re-elected

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. A. el Arcuelli, the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Vice-Presidents, members of the General and Executive Committees and other officers of last year and mentioned in the report were re-elected. The Hon. Mr. Tam was designated Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Northcote, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, said the very deep interest which they had taken in the affairs of the Society had always been a great encouragement and inspiration to all the workers.

Governor's Praise

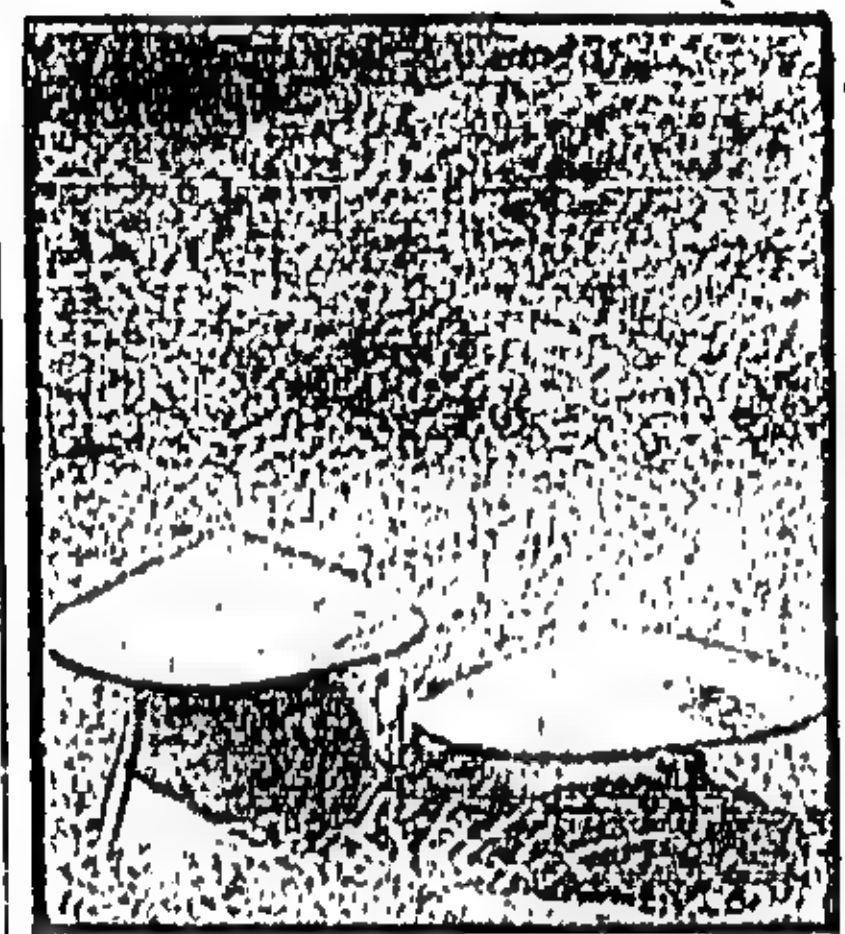
H. E. The Governor said: It is only natural, I think, that all human beings should take a deep interest in the work of the Society which is designed to help those who are most helpless and the most in need of help. I trust the number of children increased and also the new experiment of children's clubs. I hope that experiment will prosper to such an extent that the whole of this town will someday be covered with a network of such clubs wherever they are needed. (Applause.)

I am also glad to note of the close liaison between the clubs which this Society has begun and those which are under the care of the Boys and Girls' Clubs Association. I am not quite sure whether this Society or that Association takes within its scope the club which I visited some 18 months ago in Connaught Road—the one which Mrs. Caine started—but it is anything like that I warmly congratulate the Society on having started it. The Social Welfare Council have these clubs closely under their eye, and the other day I was studying an interesting plan of a building, part of which was to give accommodation to a club of this kind. I was struck principally by the cheapness of the building and the small cost of running such an institution. I think it is an encouraging feature for the future.

Matter of Concern

"I am sorry that the Society has lost so many valuable helpers in the course of the year but I feel confident that the younger generation

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are going to take their places. The fact that the Society has something like \$950 less in cash than it had a year ago is a matter for very serious consideration. I do hope that the eloquent appeal which Sir Atholl MacGregor has voiced will succeed in drawing much larger sums from the public next year. After all, the total amount is not very great when you consider the wealth of this town.

"The figures in the report are extremely interesting, though I am rather puzzled by them. I do not say they are incorrect but statistics are very dangerous things. Whoever drew the graph and compiled the figures has done a public service to the Colony in drawing attention to a state of affairs in which average incomes of families with which the Society is concerned have dropped so alarmingly. It is certainly a responsible position should look as I propose doing as Governor." (Applause.)

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming Hon. Auditors, the Press and the President.

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Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 8.)

not 22, Eric Mitchell 20 and Brigadier McLeod 11—and that was that! I was interested to see that Cedric Binker has turned out again. He was a very useful batsman—'Consolidation' but has not played for some years.

Good Game At C.S.C.C.

A WICKET in McLellan's second over with the total at one provided a startling opening. E. A. Lee, who has recently been scoring very heavily, was all at sea with a ball which came in very sharply from the off. It seemed rather as if the wicket had been over-watered as the ball was taking a lot of spin. Lim, who had opened with Lee, appeared very shaky at the start, and survived an l.b.w. appeal by Perry early on. F. R. Zimmermann scored a quiet 6 runs before lashing out wildly at McLellan and being bowled.

Joined by Youngs, Lim proceeded to open up more confidently, and when Fenton relieved McLellan he cracked him for 17 in his first and only over, four boundaries off short balls going to leg. It was a surprising turnover after a bad start, as Youngs was doing nothing but defend. He was lucky to be given out when a short ball from Whitley kicked up and he appeared to touch it. The umpire, however, ruled that it had touched his pads.

Lim, when he had made 47 out of 69, was unfortunate to be run out as Youngs called him and then sent him back. During the latter part of his innings he had played good forcing cricket and gave no chance.

A COLLAPSE
ONCE MORE luck turned round. Youngs was caught in the slips, and Fenton bowled first ball. E. Zimmermann stayed some time for 12 runs before being out to a mis-hit off Perry, when Hollidge made a good catch. In his next over, Perry also dismissed A. K. Ismail, and the following ball completely beat Hamilton. A. R. H. Esmail, who had been ill and turned out at the last moment, did not last long, being caught by Barrow off McLellan. Hong Sling and Winch unexpectedly held up their wickets for some time before a ball from Whitley, who had replaced Perry, got past the latter's defence and the innings closed at 4.15 p.m. for 100 runs.

Perry bowled very well in his first spell, but seemed to tire. McLellan was the most dangerous bowler and deserved his bag of 4 wickets for 20 in 9 overs. Apart from Lim, Craig-Gower's batting was undistinguished.

I hear that Souza was unable to play owing to a split finger. Someone said that he got it in the softball game. I am prepared to believe a great deal about this new postman, but I did not know that he allowed hitting. Billington was also an absentee, being detained by office duties.

CIVIL SERVICE BAT

RICHARDSON and Fortescue opened as usual for the Civil Service, and the first ball of the innings was a head high full toss from F. R. Zimmermann, which the former put to leg for 4. Two runs further were scored in the over. Winch, who had come up from the 2nd eleven, bowled medium pace round the wicket and in his first over Richardson gave a very sharp chance to Ismail in the gully, the ball travelling fast between the fielder's legs to third man—a single resulted. Fortescue took a single off Winch, but in Zimmermann's 2nd over with the total at 11 was beaten by a swinger and clean bowled.

Hollidge, promoted for the first time to going in last wicket, opened confidently with a fine forcing shot off his first ball for 4 runs through the covers. It was an excellent stroke played off his back leg, and only a fine bit of fielding by Youngs prevented a similar shot from reaching the boundary.

Richardson turned Winch to fine leg for 4, but at the other end was out to a magnificent catch by Hamilton. A short ball from Zimmermann was viciously hooked and travelled at top speed head high to the fielder, who made a catch as he fell off his balance—21/27/10.

Hollidge proceeded to score at a good pace with drives along the carpet, and he made one fine glance to leg, but Collidge was content to get a night of the bowling. Ismail, bowling left hand slowly, relieved Zim-

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VIENNESE TO BE EXPELLED

Israel Siegfried Streicher, 19, unemployed, of Vienna, Austria, was charged before Mr. F. R. Zimmermann Magistrate this morning with allowing away on a Dutch liner which arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

Streicher was also charged with entering the Colony without a passport and being a vagrant. He admitted all charges.

On the first charge, Streicher was bound over for \$50, an expulsion order on the second and on the charge of vagrancy, he is to be sent to the House of Detention to wait his expulsion.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (UP)—It is reliably reported that Mr. Sun Fo arrived in China to-day, travelling from America by airplane. Mr. Sun has been away from China exactly ten months.

mern, and succeeded in making Colledge pay an indecisive stroke which brought the ball into his wicket. Perry and Hollidge batted well, and then Hulce bowled an over to enable Ismail to change ends while Zimmermann came on again.

AN INJUDICIOUS DIP
AFTER THE FOURTH wicket had added 47 runs, Hollidge had an injudicious dip at a turning ball from Ismail, and was well caught by Youngs for a nicely placed 20. 4 wickets were down for 60 odd.

Perry was joined by McLellan, but shortly afterwards we were taken over for a forcing innings of 21 runs. At this time the C. S. were betting behind the clock, and this probably led to Perry's dismissal. In an endeavour to get runs quickly Lawrence was sent in ahead of Ismail, but after scoring 3 only he was well beaten by a good ball from Winch, who had relieved Ismail. With only ten minutes to go to the official time of drawing stumps (5.45 p.m.), and 4 wickets in which to get the 30 odd runs required, the position was very interesting. It was, however, extremely dark and one could barely see what was happening from the pavilion.

A STUPID RUN-OUT

WITH Barrow in, McLellan was caught at the wicket and then came a very stupid business as Bond, after slashing a 4, hit the ball into the covers and moved down the pitch calling. There was no run, and Barrow sent him back but not quickly enough. A run-out at that time was perfectly ridiculous. It was obvious that the runs could not be scored in time. Whitley went in, and Barrow played out what should have been the last over. To the amazement of everyone another over was given, and Ismail went on. Again a very stupid business occurred as Whitley, with every reason to play cautiously, lashed out and was caught at long off.

By this time the ball could not be seen from the pavilion and the street lights were on. Fenton, the last man in, managed to survive the over and then to the utter amazement of the spectators another over was given. Mid the shades of night Barrow was bowled and the innings ended for 94.

IGNORANCE

THE C.S.C.C. thoroughly deserved to lose the match for the stupid way in which the last wickets were allowed to fall. Apart from the hitting out, when caution should have been the rule, and from getting run out, it was clear that signals should not have been run when Barrow had the bowling, as his defence is so very sound. But although I do not care the very slightest about who wins a game, I do dislike slovenliness.

The official time of closing in December is 5.45, which is, at Happy Valley, at least a quarter of an hour too late, but it is the official time. There is no excuse however for going on in absurd darkness after the proper time for drawing.

I discovered that apparently none of the Craig-Gower side were sure of the time of drawing, the umpires did not know, and a batsman, who had to catch the right to speak as he was not captain of his side, suggested a couple more overs. Every umpire makes mistakes in decisions, but it is surely within the bounds of possibility for anyone to carry out the elementary duty of comparing watches with the other umpire, and setting them to the pavilion clock, which unless otherwise arranged, should govern the time for drawing. I mention this strongly as apart from the slovenliness of the thing, sooner or later someone is going to get very badly hurt in these last two overs in the dark. I repeat I do not care a hoot who won or did not win, but there is, after all, the question of equity. The Civil Service lost at least two wickets bustling to get the runs by 5.45, and not by 5.55.

I am afraid that considerations of space rule out any mention of two or three other games. I congratulate the Volunteers on turning out two teams (Counting the Medical unit one at Pokfulam on Saturday). Volunteers won comfortably.

AMAZING ADVENTURE OF POLISH SUB- MARINE CREW

(Continued from Page 1.)

on their searchlights and peppered the submarine with rifle fire. The Orzel made for the entrance to the harbour where it ran aground. Despite rifle fire, they managed to get out. The Poles refused to torpedo the German merchantman, which they passed en route. Hunting craft set out after them but the submarine managed to elude its pursuers.

There were only five torpedoes left and the captain decided to search for German ships as long as the torpedoes lasted and then make for England.

Guards Landed

They first landed the guards on a small island, sending out a radio message stating that the two men were safe.

For a fortnight they cruised around, chiefly in shallow waters, in which they frequently grounded. On the 38th day, when the water supplies were running low, they decided to reach England, having a narrow escape from Nazi destroyers in shallow water off the Swedish coast.

They had difficulty in getting the right trim and their submarine at times was almost unmanageable. In addition they frequently had to go down to the bottom to escape Nazi destroyers.

At Mercy Of Both Sides
In the North Sea, their radio went out of action so that they could put out no recognition signals, placing them at the mercy of both British and German anti-submarine craft.

Finally, however, they got a faint message through to a British shore station and a British destroyer came out and escorted them triumphantly into harbour after 44 days. The Orzel is now part of the British Royal Navy.

BERLIN IS BLAMED

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Square Garden on December 20, helped swell the fund.

A report from Los Angeles says that Mr. Hoover said he expected the contributions to come in so rapidly as to make it possible for almost immediate aid for Finland. More than 1,100 newspapers have responded to the invitation to participate in the fund.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—According to the French radio, the Gestapo has arrested a number of Germans for having called at the Finnish Legation in Berlin to express sympathy with the Finns. They were told that no demonstrations of anti-Russian sentiment could be allowed in Germany.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1889.
The principal cause of the present deadlock in the commercial circles of this colony is want of money. This is, of course, the immediate and direct cause of all crises and deadlocks in the world of commerce; but in Hong Kong just now there are dozens of men hard pressed for money who are actually wealthy.

We would remind our Masonic readers that the installation of the W. M. of Lodge St. John, No. 918, S.C., and the investment of officers, will take place to-morrow night, when all visitors will be made cordially welcome. The Grand Lodge will perform the installation ceremony and the Grand Lodge officers are expected to turn out in force.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1914.
The German cruiser, the Schurhorst, Godeschau and Lohpau have been sunk in a naval action near the Falkland Islands.

(Both the Schurhorst and the Godeschau were formerly attached to the German Far Eastern Squadron, and being they took part in the naval engagement of Valparaiso.)

One of the most important factors in the determination of the present struggle in Europe is the cost of the war. About twenty millions people are under arms, although the war has been going on for several years.

Britain's expenditure alone during the last ten weeks of the war averaged about £5,500,000 a week. (It is now £6,000,000 a day—Ed.)

The daily expenditure of the belligerent countries are as follows:
Great Britain £1,250,000
France £1,400,000
Germany £1,800,000
Russia £1,300,000
Belgium, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey £750,000
Total £7,500,000

According to various sources coming principally from Amsterdam and Geneva, Germany is working at top speed upon developments of submarine warfare.

The enemy is also, we are told, building at Hamburg and other ports, a large number of submarines of the type known as "U-boats." The story must be added to the list of war rumours.

The big new transatlantic liner of the Hamburg-America Company, the Vaterland, which has the outbreak of the war has remained with many others of the company's vessels in the sheltered security of the neutral waters of New York, has just suffered the indignity of attachment for debt. (The Vaterland was seized when the U.S. entered the war and became the Majesty—Ed.)

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1929.
The fate of Canton should be decided within the next two or three days. The rival armies are now at grips within thirty miles of the city, and a fierce battle is in progress.

The Admiralty has cabled to Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, expressing admiration at the gallantry of the captain, officers and crew of the Douglas, who, in the recent attempted piracy.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1934.
Yugo-Slavia may be obliged to quit the League of Nations unless that body takes a resolution of censure for Hungary's alleged complicity in the plots of Croatian terrorists which culminated in the murder of King Alexander at Marseille. It was stated by Mr. Boguljub Yevitch, Foreign Minister for Yugo-Slavia, in private conversations with members of the League Council to-day.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 3/4
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T.T. Shanghai	320
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 3/4
T.T. Batavia	45 3/4
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	10.90
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	107 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 3/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/2
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.93 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,340
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	2,824 1/2
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	2,844 1/2
Chartered	8
Morgan & A. & B.	20 1/4
Morgan & C.	11 1/4
East Asia	72

INSURANCES

Canton	270
Union	300
China Underwriter	14 1/2
H.K. Fire	190

SHIPPING

Douglases	71 1/4
Steamships	11
Isdo-Chinas P.S.	80
Indo-Chinas D.S.	50
Swire (Boaters)	70 1/4
Waterboats	8.10

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	101 1/4
Docks	18.10
Providents	4.50
New Eng. Sh.	17.90
Sh. Docks Sh.	195

MINING

Kallian	17 1/2
Ruhs	10.35
Van Goid	4
H.K. Mines	4 cts.

LANDS

Hotels	4.65
Lands	33 1/4
Lands 4% Deb.	100
Shai Lands Sh.	10.40
Hampshires	7 1/2
H.K. Estates	4.30
Chinese Estates	100

UTILITIES

Trams	16 1/2
Peak Trams (old)	8
Peak Trams (new)	4
Star Ferries	67
Y. Ferries	23 1/2
China Lights (old)	7.85
China Lights (new)	4.75
H.K. Electric	51 1/2
Macao Electric	18 1/2
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2
Telephones (old)	24 1/2
Telephones (new)	8 1/2
Tractions	18 1/2
Tractions (Prof.)	18 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cold Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14.00
Cold Macg. (Prof.)	Sh. 13
Canton Iron	1
Cement	15.80
H.K. Ropes	5.30

STORES

Dairy Farms (old)	20.50
Dairy Farms (new)	19 1/2
Watsons	8.05
Lane, Crawford	7 1/4
Sincera	1.80
Wing On (H.K.)	41
Powell, Ltd.	21

STOCKS

Evo Sh.	27
Shai Cotton Sh. & ex. div.	102
Zong Sh. Sh.	42
Wing On Textiles	48 1/2

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	6.35
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AID FROM LAPLAND

(Continued from Page 1.)

to storm Taipalejoki, the beautiful village on the bank Lake Ladoga. The Russian mechanised units have encountered difficulties in Finland that may prove an object lesson to Germany and the Allied G.H.Q. on the Western Front.

Seven were destroyed to-day, bringing the total on the Ladoga front to 107.

The Finns claim to have decimated a Russian company on the Suomussalmi sector.

Reindeer Refugees
Among the refugees from Finland across the western border above the Arctic Circle are 200,000 reindeer representing about 8,000,000 pounds of reserve meat for the Finnish troops.

The reindeer were rounded up in herds by Lapp herdsmen on skis, and were moved several hundred kilometres from the danger zone.

This mass of living flesh is one of the Laplanders' main contributions to the Finnish war effort. The Lapps, not having much use for money, are fitting out a contribution in the form of 7,000 fur coats, 12,000 pairs of stockings, and thousands of pairs of fur gloves.

Collecting skis throughout the north land Lapps have carried a signboard through the various villages reading "Skis will win the war—Every pair of skis must go to the millinery."

They are said to have collected 2,000 pairs of skis in one small town and a total of 6,000 in three days.

A little ball of fur called "The Emperor of Lapland"—if it has another name it is not known—quoted by a shivering correspondent in weather 20 degrees below zero Centigrade, expressed the belief that the Finns can hold the Russians for two years "if it would only get cold."

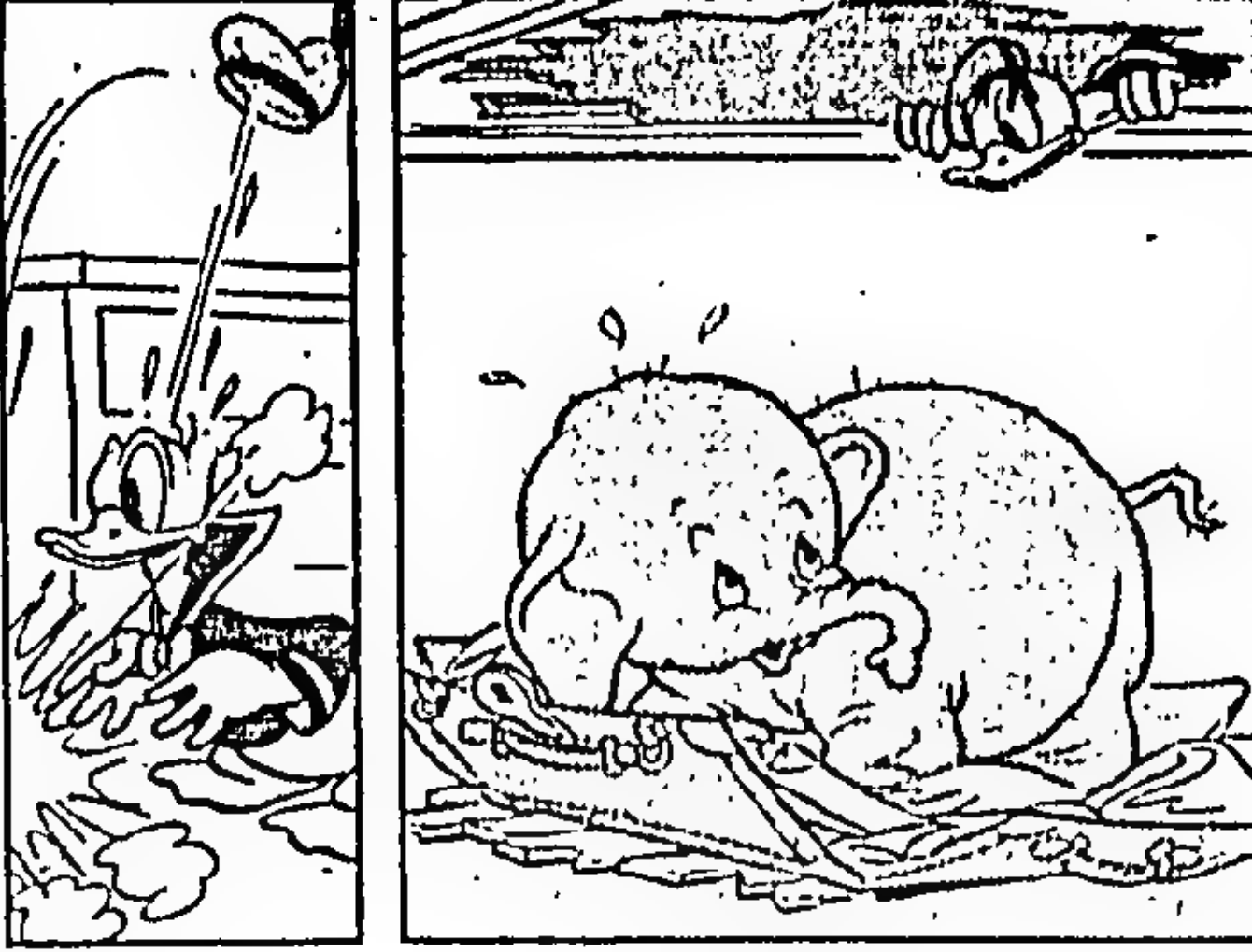
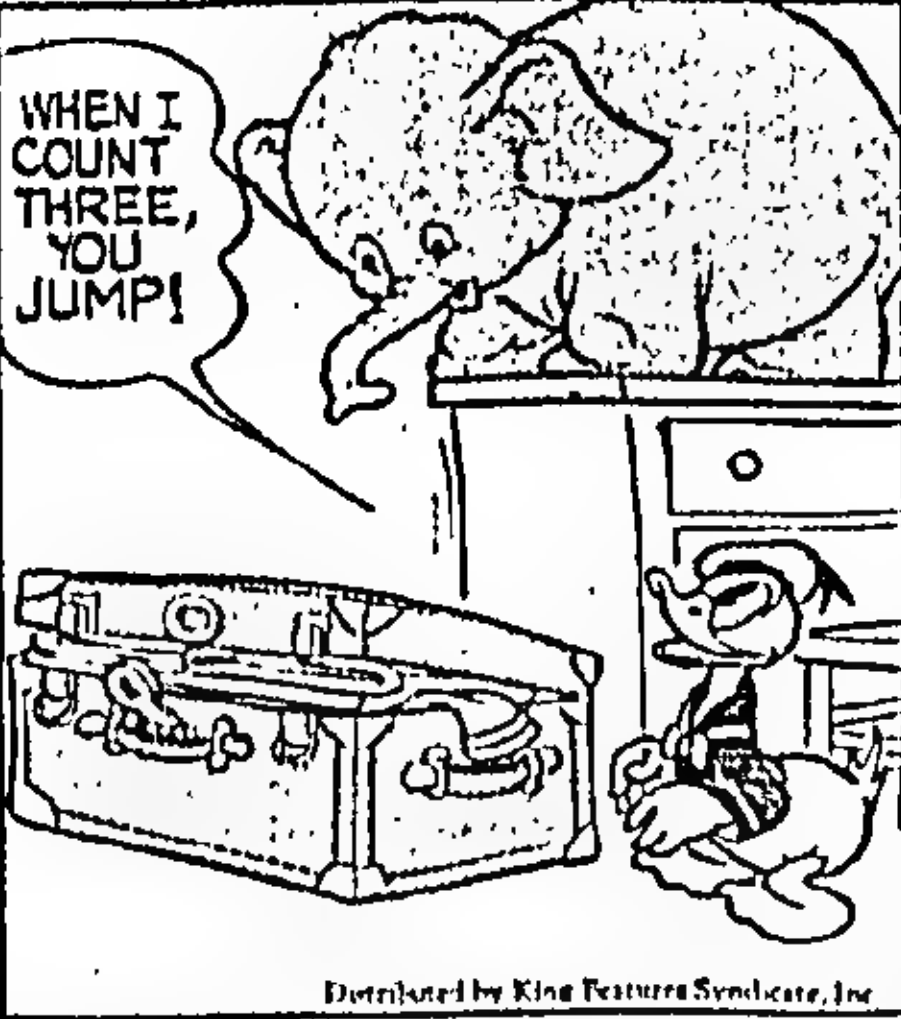
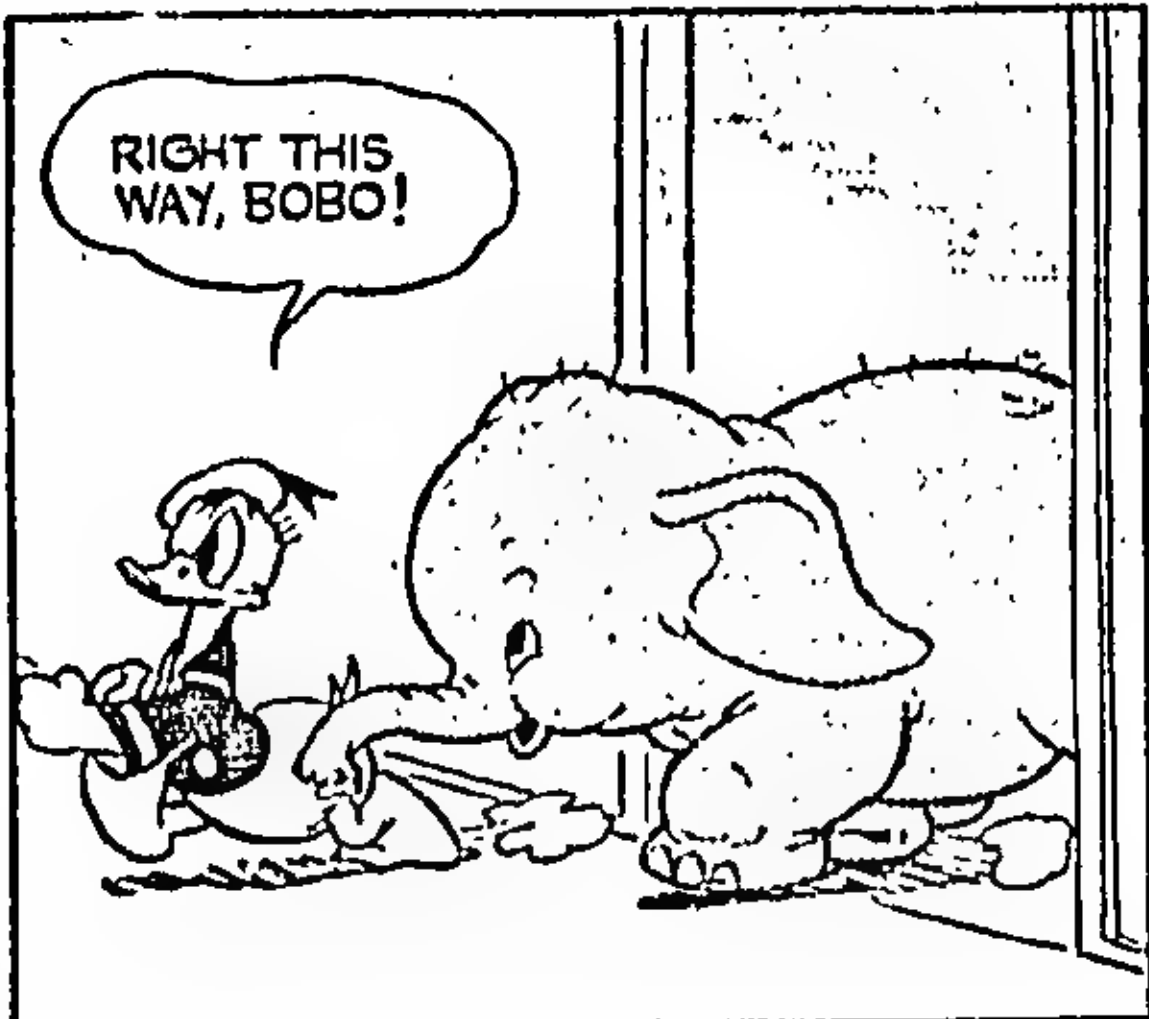
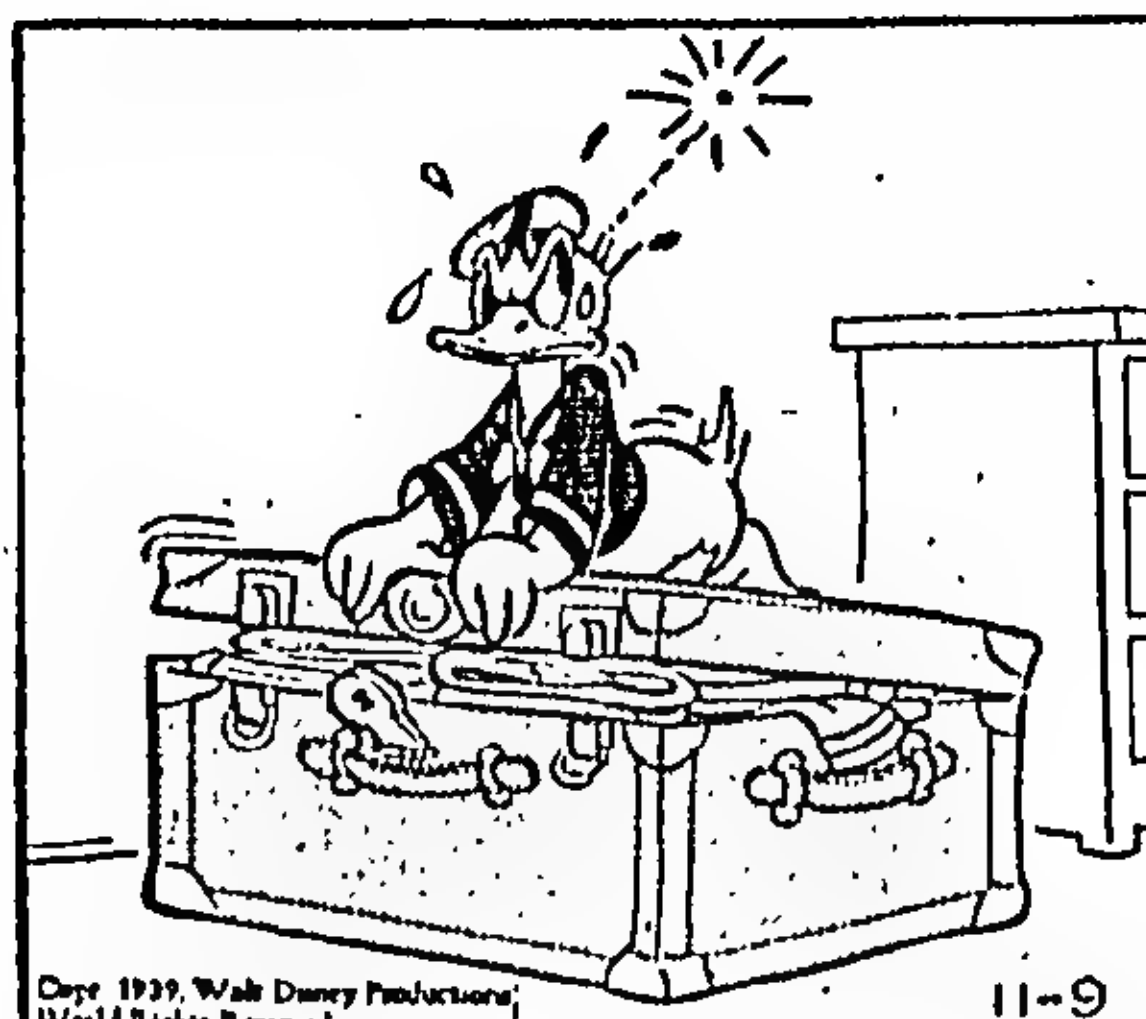
Russians Make No Headway
In East
London, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—A Finnish communiqué issued to-day states that two enemy attacks yesterday at the Taipale River were repulsed with heavy losses.

Seven tanks were destroyed, and the enemy attempts to cross the Vuoksi Water System at Kivimäki failed.

There was severe fighting all along the eastern frontier.

On the northern coast above Lake Ladoga, the enemy advanced in one sector, but the enemy attacks in another sector were repulsed.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Songs by Connie Boswell. Heart and Soul (from 'A Song is Born'); Outside of Paradise (from the film); Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart (Ellington and Others).

12.40 Hawaiian Numbers by Roy Smek and His Serenaders.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Coleridge

Christmas—Overture...Symphony

Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Songs of the Sea...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

"Ode"—Suite...New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Spring Has Come (from 'Hiawatha')...Elinor Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Life and Death...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Wagner's 'Die Walkure' Act I. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Siegmund...Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Siegfried...Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding...Emmanuel Lüs (Bass); with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 A Light Orchestral Concert.

Summer Day's Suite (Eric Coates). Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates. "Tik-Tock" Entr'acte (Vienna); Shy Serenade (Geo. Scott-Wood)...New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra; Impression D'Orléans—Descriptive (Armstrong); Souvenir D'Utter—Descriptive (Ferraris)...Armando Di Piramo and His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Eugen Onegin—Waltz (Tchaikowsky); Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt).

8.15 Studio—Piano Recital of Liszt Compositions by Luba Shafftain.

1. Harmonies Poétiques at Religieuses N°7; 2. Sonetto 123 del Petrarca; 3. Soirees de Vienne (Schubert-Liszt).

8.40 Harpenter — Impressions D'Alte—Suite.

Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Gustave Charpentier.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Dance Music.

10.30 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) and Tito Schipa (Tenor).

La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra; Tangos: Buen Amigo; Night On The La Plata...Juan Llorens and His Tango Orchestra; Princesita (Palomero-Padilla); Granadinas (Callejo-Berret); Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra; Tangos: Tango Mio; Sierra Chica; Juan Llorens and His Tango Orchestra; La Zingarella (Paisiello); Pastora (Muriello-Miranda)...Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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Train That Crossed No Man's Land

BASLE.—The arrival of a French train which steamed right through no-man's-land caused more excitement in this border city for a while recently than all the reports of impending big offensives on the western front.

A guard at the deserted French side of the international station saw the train coming up from France and did a Paul Revere dash to the Swiss side to gasp out the news to the authorities.

An amazed crowd gathered to watch the engine chug-chug calmly in with its long line of freight cars. The dusty international station had not heard a single toot of a railroad whistle since it was closed at the end of August.

The train had come from Mulhouse through the no-man's-land between the Maginot Line and the big guns of the German forts, which are across the Rhine almost within slingshot distance of the tracks. The civilian population of the area had been moved out long since and now it is filled with soldiers, barbed wire, anti-tank fields, machine-gun nests and all the paraphernalia of modern front lines.

The engineer swung down from the cab with a nonchalance he soon lost under excited questioning by railroad officials.

"We had a lot of stuff consigned to Switzerland sitting in the freight station at Mulhouse so I thought I might as well bring it along," he said.

ALL NOISY ON THE WORD WAR FRONT: IT'S RADIO JAMMING

By A. Radio Correspondent

WHOLESALE jamming of both B.B.C. and Nazi short-wave broadcasting stations, reported by scores of listeners, may be the beginning of a jamming war.

Stations affected are mainly those used for broadcasting news in English to South and East Africa. But if the deliberate jamming persists there will certainly be retaliatory jamming on both sides with neither Germany nor Britain able to get a broadcast through to Africa.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Rates continue to show some improvement and the underdone of the market is steady to firm.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,330
Bank of East Asia \$71
Canton Ins: \$210
Union Ins: \$300
Douglases \$71
Docto \$10.10
Providents \$4.30
H. & S. Hotels \$4.05
Lands \$33
Humphreys \$7
Chinese Estates \$100
Tramways \$10.30
Yau-mat Ferry \$23.4
China Lights (Old) \$7.85
Electric \$51.1/2
Sundaken Lights \$11.1/2
Telephone (Old) \$24.1/2
Telephone (New) \$8
Cements \$15.1/2
Ropes \$5.30
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20.1/2
Dairy Farms (New) \$19.1/2
Watsons \$8.35
Entertainments \$0.35
Constructions (Old) \$1.1/4

Sellers

Canton Ins: \$220
Providents \$4.45
Tramways \$10.1/2
Sales
H.K. Bank \$1,340
Providents \$4.32 1/2
Star Ferries \$67
Electric \$51.1/2
Telephone (Old) \$24 1/4/25
Cements \$15 1/2
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20 1/4
Dairy Farms (New) \$19 1/4
Entertainments \$0 1/2
Manila Gold Shares in Press
Atoks 10 B.
Antamoks 10 B.

The trouble at present is mainly confined to the 31 metre waveband where noises like those of a high-speed chaff cutter mark the wavelengths of B.B.C. and German stations.

Then It Was Moscow

Cutting out the B.B.C.'s broadcasts is a noise similar to that which the Nazis use to try to drown the Freedom Station and which at one period they used successfully to jam Moscow.

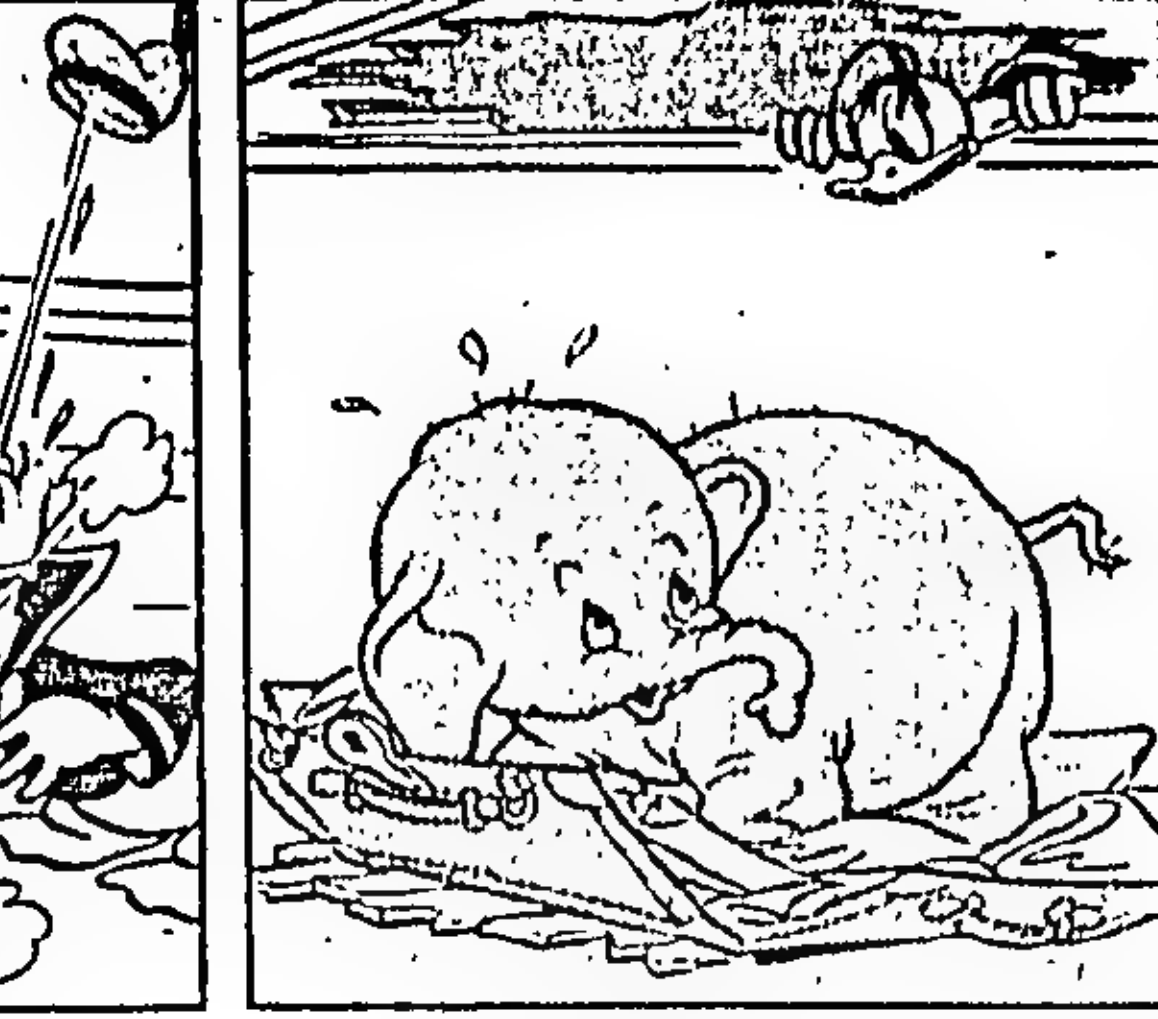
That which cuts out German stations is equally distinctive on account of a superimposed twittering.

Both forms of jamming "spread" considerably over the tuning dial, with the result that stations on adjacent wavelengths are also affected.

So far there has been no deliberate jamming on medium waves. Such jamming, it is thought, would not prevent home listening and would in any case induce retaliatory jamming with consequent unpleasant (but not impossible) listening in both Britain and Germany.

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Benguet Consol.	unquoted	
Big Wedge	20	S.
Coco Groves	16 1/2	S.
Cons. Mines	003	S.
Demonstrations	002 1/2	S.
East Mindanao	10 1/2	B.
I. X. L.	11 1/2	B.
Iron Gold	14	B.
Itogons	20 1/2	S.
Mambulo Consol.	013	S.
Masbates	10	S.
Mindanao Motherlode ..	08 1/4	S.
Mine Operations	10 1/2	S.
North Camarines	19 1/2	S.
Parale Gumeau	50	S.
San Mauricio	16 1/2	S.
Surigao Consol.	13 1/2	S.
Suycos	03	S.
Syndicate Investments ..	02	S.
United Paracales	32 1/2	S.

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Another Ship Sunk

London, Dec. 11.

The Admiralty announces that the drifter Ray of Hope, attached to the British Navy, was sunk by a mine yesterday afternoon.—United Press.

Nine Believed Dead

London, Dec. 11.

Four of the crew were killed when the ship was blown up. Five are missing and three were rescued.

The Captain, who was on the bridge, was blown overboard and swam for two hours before he was rescued by a trawler which also picked up the other two survivors, all of whom are now receiving hospital treatment.—Reuter Bulletin.

WILLOW POOL LOST

London, Dec. 11.

The British steamer Willow Pool, 4,615 tons, has been sunk by a mine. The crew of 36 were landed on the east coast.—Reuter.

THE WEEK'S LOSSES

London, Dec. 11.

For the week ended December 9, seven British ships were sunk, totalling 33,518 tons.

The neutrals lost eight vessels totalling 26,012 tons.—Reuter Special.

Four Given up as Lost

London, Dec. 11.

It is officially announced that four British ships totalling over 22,000 tons are long overdue and must be considered lost.

They are the Ashlea, Newlon Beech, Huntsman and Trevanion.—Reuter.

JERSEY MISSING LIST

London, Dec. 11.

The Admiralty announces the casualty list of H.M.S. Jersey, which was torpedoed on Thursday.

Two officers and eight ratings who are missing are believed to have been killed. Two officers and 10 ratings were injured.

The missing officers are Command. Gunner G. L. Lucas and Lieut. J. Le C. Morris.—United Press.

Ban On Nazi Aviators

WASHINGTON.

The Colombian Government has, on its own initiative, taken steps to see that German Reserve pilots do not serve in its air lines. It was announced by the United States State Department to-day. About 20 of these men have been replaced and will not be permitted to resume such duties in the future.

Such precautionary measures adopted by Colombia are welcomed by the United States, inasmuch as they contribute to the safety of the Panama Canal. Colombia lies to the south of the Panama Republic.

The relations between Colombia and the United States have never been more cordial, it was emphasised by the Department, which denied that the United States had exerted any pressure on Colombia to bring about the desired results.



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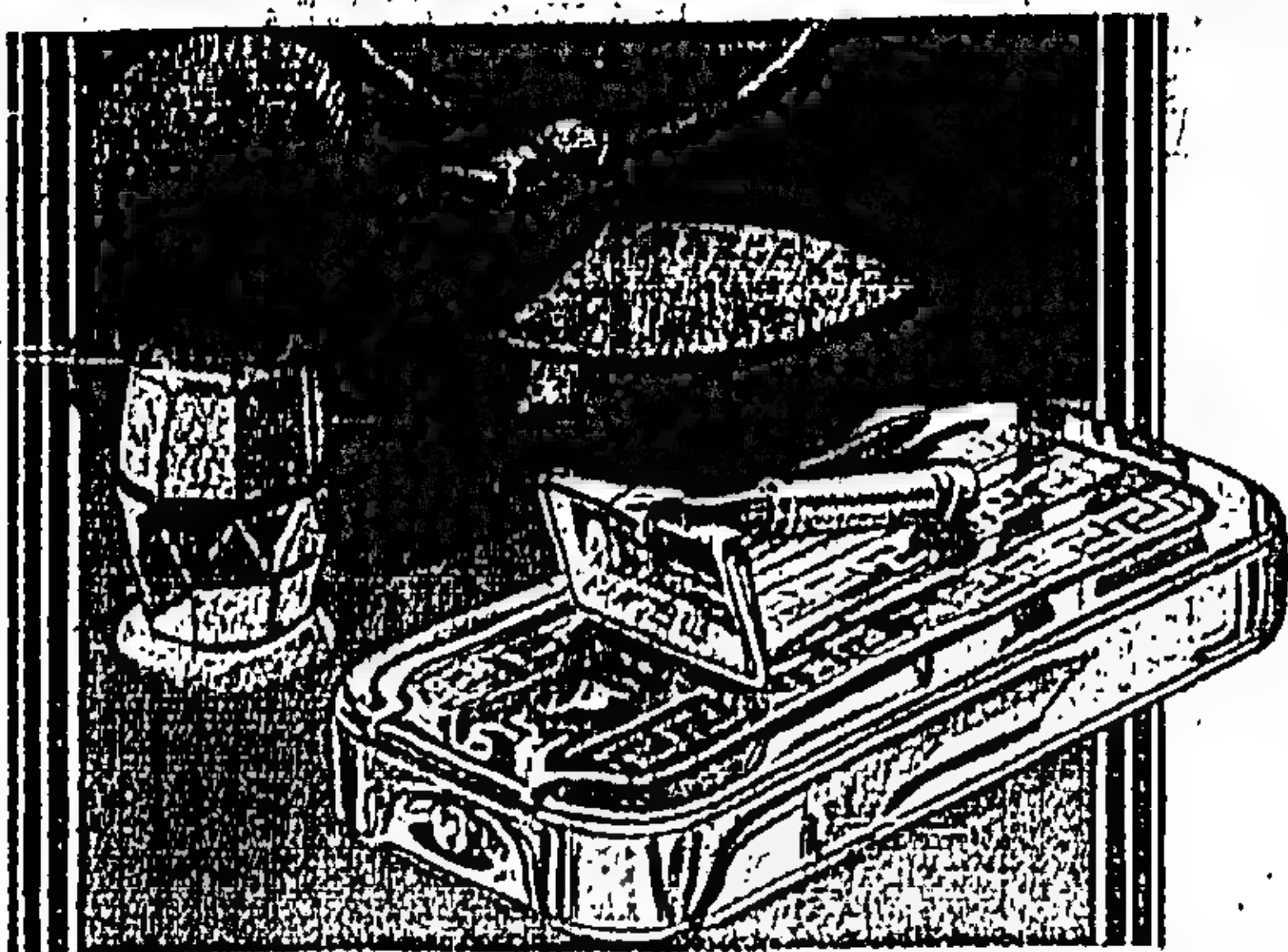
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Dear December:

YOU'RE the last month of the year, but in some respects the first. You must be merry—no other month has Christmas. Yet you're a wonderful month anyway. And more wonderful because Christmas is all your own—whether you are decked with poinsettias or icicles. You're a happy month from Greenland's icy mountains to the plains of Australia.

Isn't it wonderful, when you stop to think of it, that happiness doesn't depend on latitude or longitude, on temperature or climate?

Do you mind my telling you where we would like best to be with you? In the Homeland, among snow-laden pines, where skating ponds glisten and ring with laughter, and fireplaces fuse fumes into new bonds of cheer and happiness. And, say: If we adults like you, how must the children love you! Frost and fairies. Reindeer and dreams. Anticipation and realization. From the fjords of Norway to the veldts of South Africa, glad greetings.

Nazi Confession

Resort to the air arm and magnetic mines for destruction of merchant vessels is a confession that submarines have disappointed the Nazi leaders.

The facts are grim for them. Air bombing or the use of "pirate" mines is imperative if there are to be any hope that war on our ships would frighten us and threaten neutrals and, perhaps most important, encourage the German people.

Mr. Hore-Belisha recently defined three courses possible to Nazism. It may try to smash through by sea and air, it may wait for an allied offensive, it may try to lure us into the discussion of terms of peace. Who can guess all the possibilities of distracted Nazi counsels?

We must expect to endure storm hours. Great issues are for decision. The strength of a powerful nation under the orders of men who have declared to acknowledge no right but force is arrayed against Britain and the Empire and France. One thing about the future of the conflict is clear and certain. Time is on our side.

DECEMBER 1, 1939.—The Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. F. Blunt, in an address to his diocesan conference, says: "The benefit of the King's Coronation depends, under God, on the faith, prayer and self-dedication of the King himself, and on that it would be improper for me to say anything except command him . . . to God's grace, which he will so abundantly need, as we all need it—for the King is a man like ourselves—if he is to do his duty faithfully."

"We hope he is aware of his need. Some of us wish he gave more positive signs of such awareness."

DECEMBER 2.—The Bishop of Bradford says his address was not intended as a rebuke, adds: "What I had reference to was the fact that, to all outward appearance, the King seems to live entirely indifferently to the public practice of religion."

DECEMBER 3.—It is announced that "an acute Constitutional crisis" has arisen because of the King's intention to marry Mrs. Simpson.

DECEMBER 4.—Mr. Baldwin, in the House, says the woman the King married would necessarily become Queen.

DECEMBER 7.—Empire Parliament summoned. Mrs. Simpson issues a statement that she is willing to withdraw from "a situation which has been rendered both unhappy and untenable."

DECEMBER 8.—Mr. Baldwin has his sixth conference with the King at Fort Belvedere.

DECEMBER 9.—Members of the

Royal Family meet at Royal Lodge, Windsor, Fort Belvedere and Marlborough House.

DECEMBER 10.—The King's abdication, and the Duke of York's succession announced in Parliament.

MAY 28, 1937.—Announcement in the London Gazette that the Duke of Windsor will still hold the title "His Royal Highness," but that the prefix "HR.H." will not extend to Mrs. Simpson on her marriage, or to any possible children.

JUNE 3.—Marriage of the Duke and Mrs. Simpson.

KING GEORGE VI YESTERDAY COMPLETED

Three Courageous Years

ON the afternoon of December 11, 1936, the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, had an audience of the King at 145, Piccadilly.

That announcement in the Court Circular told the country that King George VI had succeeded King Edward VIII.

It was three days before King George's 41st birthday, and he was the 41st monarch in succession from William the Conqueror.

That night King George dined with Prince Edward at Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park, with Queen Mary, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, and the Earl and Countess of Athlone.

After dinner Prince Edward drove to Windsor Castle and delivered his farewell broadcast, and at 1 a.m. King George returned to his house in Piccadilly. Later that day he gave his first audience at Buckingham Palace to Sir John Simon, which was followed by his first Privy Council at St. James's Palace. This was the Accession Council.

On his birthday, December 14, in reply to the Lords' Address, presented to him by the Earl of Cramer, King George said:

"You may be assured that it is my determination to do all that lies within my power to safeguard the liberties of my people and to promote their prosperity and contentment."

It is only when we recall the pregnant circumstances in which these words were delivered that the stereotyped phrases of royal eloquence become fraught with majesty.

The love of the people of the Empire for King George VI does not depend on any words of his, and infinitely less does it depend on any words uttered by his anxious advisers.

That love came once for all when a man without personal ambition assumed the responsibility of the mightiest throne in the world because he believed it to be his duty.

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I HAD the honour in 1932 of assisting as Rector of Glasgow University at the conferment of honorary degrees on the Duke and Duchess of York.

These occasions are always an anxious business for the chief figures. His Royal Highness laid me out by asking why there were not the same number of windows on one side of the Chapel as on the other.

"It offends my sense of symmetry," he said.

I was unable to offer any explanation, but presently the Duke discovered for himself that it was due to a building on the other side, and I was able to assure him with perfect sincerity that he knew a great deal more about architecture than I did.

I had the honour of sitting next to the Duchess at lunch in the university after the ceremony, and I think I was never more surprised in my life than when she told me that she had listened to the broadcast of my Rectorial Address (nearly an hour long).

I realised from that what a passionate interest she must have in Scottish affairs.

And when on that critical September, I listened to the broadcast speech of her Majesty, I could not help thinking that whatever she meant to the Empire she meant just a little more to her own Scotland.

I sincerely hope that speech will be made available on a gramophone record, for I have no hesitation in declaring it to be the most moving

broadcast I have ever heard from a woman's lips:

"I have, however, a message for you from the King. He bids the people of this country be of good cheer in spite of the dark clouds hanging over the whole world."

"He knows well that, as ever before in critical times, they will keep cool heads and brave hearts."

Even in this swift and crowded world of to-day we have not had time to forget so entirely the events of recent days as not to feel an added warmth from this Christmas now close at hand.

It was unfortunate that the first months of King George's reign were marked by a campaign of calumny against his elder brother. One could wish that some of the Privy Counsellors to whom at Buckingham Palace he said: "I have suffered a very real loss by the decision of my brother, for by his going I am deprived of a close friendship which I valued highly," did not move themselves more actively to silence that campaign.

We must be charitable, and ascribe it to a misguided loyalty, and let me repeat, an utterly unnecessary apprehensiveness about the Coronation. There is no need to remind readers, for whom the triumph of the Coronation, on May 12, 1937, is a bright memory, how unnecessary that apprehensiveness was.

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ON the Glorious First of June the King created Mr. Baldwin an Earl and a Knight of the Garter.

Two days later the King and Queen telephoned their congratulations to the Duke of Windsor on his marriage.

On August 3 the King flew to his camp for public school and working boys at Southwold in Suffolk, and we were all of us relieved that at last it looked as if his holiday had begun.

The rest of the summer and early autumn was spent at Balmoral, but by October 20 he was touring this fine island and at Leeds was having to look at gas-masks at an A.R.P. show, where he was able to tell his listeners: that the gas-masks in the war "had pinched your nose."

One can imagine what he felt at the thought of all this miserable paraphernalia of human folly and wickedness on show again.

His speech at the Opening of Parliament lasted for 13 minutes, and

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those who had any doubts about the quality of his eloquence doubted no more.

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IT was a busy autumn. The King and Queen of Bulgaria were received at the beginning of November.

On Armistice Day people listening to the broadcast heard suddenly over the silence shrieks and the clatter of horses.

Later that month, on November 10, the King greeted King Leopold of Belgium at Victoria, and at the banquet in Buckingham Palace said to his royal visitor, "Your visits to these shores will have enabled you to see for yourself how strong are the bonds of mutual interests and of common ideals which bind this country with your own."

On November 24 he received a number of Italian ex-Servicio men and on November 28 he gave a lunch to M.M. Chautauque and Delbos at the conclusion of the Anglo-French talks. His 42nd birthday was celebrated at Buckingham Palace by a children's party given by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

On Christmas Day the King broadcast from Sandringham. He said he could not aspire to take his father's place, but, "as this is the first Christmas since our Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to send you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you gave us from every quarter of the Empire during this unforgettable year now drawing to its end."

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AND then came this unforgettable year of 1939, with war clouds gathering all over Europe. In February Mr. Eden resigned from the Foreign Office.

In May the King opened the Glasgow Exhibition.

In June he and the Queen were on the point of setting out for the visit to Paris when the Countess of Strathmore died, and the visit had to be postponed until July 19.

That visit to Paris must have been a wonderful assurance to the King and Queen of their personal influence in this difficult time, and once again it is meet to insist on the vital part played by the Queen on that historic occasion.

It then came last September and the end of that crisis when Mr. Chamberlain returned from Munich and the King led him out on to the balcony of Buckingham Palace to acknowledge the greetings of the great crowd below—the first time that any Prime Minister, and a poignant illustration of the relief and gratitude he must have felt.

**Their Victims
Ask For
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BRITISH seamen, who face the terrors of the U-boat as well as the normal dangers of the sea, feel they are not getting a fair deal regarding compensation for injuries.

Sufferers through enemy action are particularly bitter. They say that the regulations under which they are compensated deprives them of their rights at common law. Instead of being paid wages while incapacitated, as any other workmen would be under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, they receive merely a temporary allowance based on the degree of disability.

They point out, also, that any disability prevents them from getting another ship.

Among the instances referred to the National Union of Seamen are cases from the torpedoed Athenia.

15s. A Week
One is of a stewardess, who would normally earn about £40 a month. Her disability has been assessed at 20 per cent, and she is being paid 15s. a week.

A male member of the crew, similarly assessed, is being paid 22s. 6d. a week.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the union to get this altered, and it is also asking for a revision of the compensation for lost kit.

Evidence was shown to the "Daily Herald" that to provide a new kit of essentials would cost a deckhand practically £2 15s. just, twice the amount he receives.

Men who sailed before the outbreak of war are particularly hard hit, as they carried many things they would not have had with them had they known of the danger of losing it.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I have the grandest new press agent—I've been robbed of my jewels, my house burned down and I received three extortion notes—all in one week!"

RAIDS BY CHINESE

Warplanes Active In Southern Areas

Chinese aircraft have not allowed Japanese machines to remain on the offensive without striking back during the last few days, according to "Central News" messages received from Kweilin this morning.

It is stated that Chinese machines made several raids over Yenchow, inflicting heavy casualties among the Japanese troops concentrated there.

From Chungking, however, comes a report that Japanese bombing squadrons displayed unusual activity yesterday over Chongking and Hunan. In Chongking, they raided Lichui, Chuhshien, Tunglu and Fengchiao in Chuk, dropping scores of bombs. Over 30 civilians were killed and wounded, and over 100 houses demolished in Fengchiao. In Tunglu, several casualties were inflicted and some 40 houses destroyed.

No serious damage was caused in Chuhshien and Lichui.

Nine hostile aircraft attacked Anhwei in Central Hunan in relay. Chienyang, Hwayung and Yoyang were also visited by a scouting machine.

Land Fighting

In the land fighting, it is claimed that the Japanese and puppet troops who recently invaded Chaoan, a town on the South Fukien border, from east Kwangtung, have been routed.

After the capture of Chaoan on December 7, Chinese militia units in Fukien chased the enemy across the provincial border, and after establishing contact with the Chinese troops in East Kwangtung, they struck further blows at the enemy.

The Japanese and puppet troops are now reported to be retreating to their warships anchored in Tientsin Bay at the eastern tip of the Kwangtung coast.

A report from Yenchow, east Kwangtung, states that Huang Tai, the so-called commander of the Japanese-sponsored "National Reconstruction Army," who supports Wang Ching-wei, and his "Chief of Staff," Lin Wen-yuan have been captured by militia under the command of Magistrate Chen of Yenchow.

Puppet Leader Captured

According to a "Reuters" message from Chungking, a Chinese dispatch reaching that city from Foochow states that in the fighting in Chaoan, an important puppet leader named Lin Chi-yuan was captured by Chinese troops.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese had intended to set up a puppet government in Fukien with Lin Chi-yuan at the head of the civil administration.

A Loyang message states that the Japanese forces making a stand at Machinmiao, south-east of Yenchow, in South Shensi, are being subjected to an annihilating attack.

A part of them succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon and fled towards Yenchow on Sunday.

On the Hsiangshien sector, the Chinese are steadily pressing back the invaders. They have pounded heavily at the town with their artillery.

Kuotienhu, north of Nanning, was recovered by Chinese troops last Sunday. The Japanese set fire to the houses when they retreated and carried away scores of peasants.

Some 4,000 Japanese were engaged by the Chinese north-east of Nanning, on the Canton-Hankow Railway last Saturday and Sunday.

The Chinese commenced another attack on Kongmoon on Saturday. They are reported to have passed White River Hill and Horse Hill, and to be pressing steadily on Kongmoon.

Risked Life To Save Village

R.A.F. Pilot Receives Croix-de-Guerre

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Special Correspondent with the R.A.F. reports that the pilot for which Sergeant-Pilot Phillips, attached to a Fighter Squadron in France, was decorated with the Croix-de-Guerre by General Gamelin during the King's visit to the Maginot Line was in risking his own life to prevent his burning machine falling in the middle of a French village.

The machine was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire and the petrol tank was pierced.

Phillips was almost suffocated by the petrol fumes, but realising that the machine would fall in the middle of a village he delayed his parachute jump from the burning machine till he was sure that it would fall in open country.

This delay meant a great risk that the parachute might not open in time, but Phillips finally landed safely.

U.S.-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuters).—Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, the Japanese Minister at Large in China, is leaving Shanghai to-morrow for Peking, where he is calling on the United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, to resume discussions regarding Japanese-American problems in the Far East, according to a Chinese report.

INVASION CONDEMNED BY COMMITTEE OF 13

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, DEC. 11 (UP).—THE SPECIAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE HAS SENT AN "ULTIMATUM" TO THE SOVIETS, GIVING THEM 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO AGREE TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM FINLAND AND PARTICIPATE IN PEACEFUL DISCUSSION OF THE RUSSO-FINNISH PROBLEMS.

League members described the message as an "ultimatum" in view of the time limit for a reply, but it does not contain any threat of positive League action in case the reply is not received within the prescribed time.

The Committee appointed to deal with the Russo-Finnish question comprised Uruguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ireland, Canada, Egypt, Portugal, Sweden, Thai, Norway, France, Great Britain and India.

A survey of the leading delegations indicated there was a trend toward condemnation of the invasion as an act of aggression and the organisation of feasible material, moral and legal aid for the Finns.

M. Rudolf Holsti, representing Finland's case, was cheered when he repeated Finland's appeal for world help by deeds and not words.

He attacked Russia's "hypocritical attitude," and recalled previous Soviet declarations against aggression. However, the carefully avoided any suggestion of sanctions or expulsion and asked the League to deal with the situation from a moral viewpoint.

"You must help Finland," he said. "Finland alone cannot save its women and children from bullets and gas bombs. If you do your duty towards Finland, Finland will do her duty towards the world."

Finland, he said, was profoundly touched by world sympathy.

"Please transform this sympathy into some practical means of aid. We hope the world will not expect Finland to fight the enemy alone."

"Nothing affords more proof of the moral baseness of the Soviets than the establishment of the Terioki puppet Government."

It is less than the Argentine delegate, Rodolfo Freyre, will definitely and categorically demand the expulsion of Russia.

Practical View
There is a growing conviction that Russia can no longer remain a member of the League, but under British impulse a more practical view of the crisis is likely to prevail, since the belligerents and also the Scandinavian countries do not want to isolate the Soviets in the face of a possible Hitler-Stalin dual alliance.

40 Members Attend
GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Council of the League of Nations met this morning to consider Finland's appeal.

Although the Soviet was not present, 40 of 53 states which are members of the League sent delegates. Fourteen documents were presented by Finland as a background for the appeal, and these were issued by the Secretary General.

They were texts of the notes between Finland and Russia from October 14 to November 20.

Some South American states suggested that Russia should be excluded but expulsion requires a unanimous vote, and certain members, including China, are not willing to take such a step.

This, it is thought, will not prevent the condemnation of Soviet Russia, and it is expected that the final resolution will leave it open to League members to take any action they think fit to help Finland.

This procedure was followed in the case of China's appeal against Japan.

"Do Your Duty"
GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, addressing the Assembly, said that all he wanted was to ask the League if it was possible for all civilisation to help Finland.

That sympathy which had been shown throughout the world should be put in a concrete form, said M. Holsti, who concluded by declaring: "Do your duty to the Finnish people as they are doing theirs, and doing it heavily with blood."

Armistice Proposed
GENEVA, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Committee of Thirteen appointed by the Assembly to consider Finland's appeal have decided to send telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki for the purpose of proposing an immediate cessation of hostilities to be followed by peace negotiations under the auspices of the League.

A period of 24 hours is given to both parties for a reply.

Addressing the Assembly, M. Holsti said that Finland wanted more than sympathy and tears. She had shed enough tears of her own.

In the face of aggression they needed more than sympathy. "We are fighting a battle for the defence of the rights of man. We ask for the help of all men of goodwill. We cannot defend the people against the shells and gas of our aggressors by a mere international resolution."

"If you help us, all men will bless you as the defenders of civilisation."

M. Holsti then quoted parts from speeches made from the same Tribune by M. L. Leiff, the former Soviet Foreign Commissioner, in which he had, condemned aggression by other countries.

M. Holsti's moving appeal was warmly applauded.

The Committee, which includes Poland, met privately immediately after its appointment.

Mr. U. J. Unden of Sweden, proposed the despatch of telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki. He was supported by the delegates of Elze, France and some other countries.

The League duty to the Finnish Government had already accepted League mediation.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the British delegate, said that the Committee must be under no illusion with regard to the result of their efforts.

It was on Mr. Butler's proposal that a time limit was fixed for a reply.

Meanwhile he has suggested that the Commission should continue its labours, and draft a resolution as though the appeal was not hanging in the balance.

This was agreed.

GERMAN WOMAN IN COURT
Failed To Notify Changes Of Address
Two German women were charged before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning with failing to report their change of residential address to the Registration of Persons Offices within a week.

Lee Gunda, 25, and Mrs. Nich Zon Hou, 27, were fined \$15 each when they pleaded guilty.

Sgt. Hill said the women moved from Chung Tin Terrace to King's Road on October 13. The offence committed was revealed during a routine check of aliens.

King Thanks The B.E.F.

Message To Troops In France

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The King has sent the following message to General Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in France:

"It has given me the great pleasure to visit the troops under your command in France, and the days I have been able to spend among them have been full of interest, for I had an opportunity of seeing something of the conditions in which they are living and the work on which they are engaged."

"I am satisfied that the British soldier of to-day is at least equal to his predecessor both in efficiency and spirit."

"I send my best wishes to all ranks of the B.E.F. and assure them of the complete and unflinching confidence placed in them by their fellow-countrymen."

Star Ferry Incident

European Fined On Disorderly Count

T. J. Gibbons, 32, marine engineer, residing in Nathan Road, was fined \$20 by Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning for being drunk and disorderly, and used abusive language at the Star Ferry Wharf yesterday morning.

Inspector Hallam said about 11 a.m. yesterday at the entrance of the Star Ferry Wharf, Capt. W. Perritt of the company of a woman met Gibbons.

The rest of the story was not audible.

The prosecuting officer wrote down the words used by Gibbons and handed the paper to Mr. Edwards. Gibbons apologised to Capt. Perritt.

TIN JUMPS \$45 IN ONE DAY

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—Excited dealings occurred in the London tin market this morning following the removal of the former maximum price of £230.

Business began in forward tin at £220 and rose rapidly to £275 before closing at £268, while the total turn-over amounted to 400 tons.

The circles here are gratified at the return of the market to an international basis.

Most observers of the opinion that the price will gradually decline to the previous maximum or below, and will eventually govern the international price once supplies have been attracted here.

Brightest Feature

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day tin shares were the brightest features owing to removal of the restriction of the price of the metal.

Excited trading was witnessed in the tin market where the forward price soared \$45 to £275, closing at £268 with business to the close of the market at £272 per ton.

Cotton was sharply higher on reports that the United States export subsidy was likely to be eliminated.

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LETTERS
Correction
To the Editor,
"Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to your issue of yesterday's date, re an article under the heading: "Wife Offers to Poison Her Husband," it was mentioned by the Police Officer prosecuting the defendant, To Han, was a friend of mine. This is incorrect. I do not know this man.

To Han, the defendant in the case, used to call on one of my younger brothers occasionally for assistance, and has never been a friend of mine at any time.

Will you, therefore, please publish this correction in your next issue, and I spell my name

S. A. L. RAHMAN.

RUSSO-JAPANESE FRICTION
TOKYO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Japanese Press is again engaged with the fishery question.

One paper states that a view is rising in some quarters that if the Soviets continue in their present attitude, Japan will take definite measures to look after her northern rights.

The question might soon become a matter of serious concern.

'IMPOSTERS' DEFENCE

Dramatic Turn In Property Case

The suggestion that the plaintiffs were not the persons who signed the title deeds and were not the owners of the property at all was made in the Supreme Court this morning at the resumed hearing of the Hongkong property dispute before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The property is in the Central district—300 Des Voeux Road Central, and 14, Wing Lok Street. The plaintiffs are Chan Kiu-nang, Chan Sze-ai and Chan Sze-ai-mun. As co-owners of the property, they allege that, without their knowledge, the property was mortgaged and the signatures for a deed of mortgage are forgeries.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eileen Potter, K.C., and Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almeida. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, represented the defendants against whom the action has been brought.

The second plaintiff, Chan Sik-lin, 48, native of Sze Tau in the Kwangtung district, said he had known the other two plaintiffs for over thirty years. He was formerly in business in Hongkong as a manager of the Kwong Lok Shui firm.

\$35,000 For Third Share

Sik Tin said he had paid \$35,000 for the one-third share of the two properties. When he bought his share the other owners were the first and third plaintiffs. From the time he purchased the share the title deeds were in his own possession until 1942, when his firm closed down. He got the contents of the bank two plaintiffs had handed the deeds to Chan Chung-wan, elder brother of the third plaintiff, whose duty it was to collect the rent and render an account.

Sik Tin said he returned to his village and continued to live there until last year, when he came to Hongkong owing to the sino-japanese hostilities. Soon after arrival he proceeded to Shanghai in order to seek employment for himself.

He owned two houses worth \$12,000, shops worth \$20,000, and had a deposit of \$5,000 in a shop in Canton.

Wanted Bigger Return

Mr. d'Almeida: Why did you buy No. 300, Des Voeux Road Central? Because I was not getting a sufficient return on my money in deposit.

Was Chung Wan regular with his rent collections?—Yes, regularly.

When did he cease to be regular?—Since last year.

What did you do about it?—I asked for payment of the rent in his hands, he told me the tenants were in arrears. I then sent a man to him and not being satisfied I wrote to a solicitor to find out whether the property had been mortgaged.

When Mr. Hung, the first plaintiff, arrived he went to see you?—Yes.

Did you decide on any course of action?—Yes, we decided to collect the rent due from him before taking proceedings. In all \$210 was due to me and \$500 to the first plaintiff.

What about your co-owner, Chan Kwok-nin?—We decided not to tell him anything about it for the time being because we were not sure whether there was anything between them, since they were brothers.

Forgery Claim

Sik Tin denied mortgaging the property and stated that the writing which purported to be his signature was a forgery.

Earlier in the hearing Mr. Sheldon suggested that the plaintiffs were not the buyers of the property at all.

Mr. Potter: This is a completely new defence. We are now told that these plaintiffs are absolute imposters. He thought that in order to meet that case he would require an adjournment.

Mr. Sheldon said he would amend his pleadings after the adjournment to-day.

The hearing is proceeding.

TOMMIES COME HOME FOR XMAS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The first batch of British troops on Christmas leave arrived to-day.

They are mostly married men who were among the first of the B.E.F. to go abroad.

They will have a break of ten days. There will also be Christmas leave for some officers and men of the R.A.F. in France, and if ship movements do not prevent it, the Navy will also get Christmas leave, or rather part of it.

All those on leave are given free travelling vouchers.

Advice has been received in Hongkong that the delayed China Clipper took off from San Francisco yesterday. It is due at Hongkong on December 18.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

IMPROVED BATTING BY RECREIO

Changes Of Fortune At Happy Valley: Time For Drawing Stumps

THERE WAS PLENTY of cricket last Saturday, and at least one close finish down at the Valley, but perhaps the most surprising thing of the afternoon was the batting form of the Recreio first eleven.

Previously it has been very shaky, and they have usually been pulled out of a hole by one or two individuals, but on Saturday practically everyone shaped well. It is true that the Club bowling was not very good, but I have seen Recreio 90 down before no better stuff.

Going in first they opened with two of the Gosanos J.M. and L.G., who, I discover, answer to Zinho and Luigi. (This solving the Gosano problem was my good deed of the day). Thomson bowled from the Yard end medium fast, but he was very wild, presenting L.G. with a sitting four off the first ball, a long hop wide to leg. Alec Pearce bowled at the other end, and after J.M. had taken a single to extra cover—an excellent shot—L.G. was lucky to edge the ball between the two slips, though it was not a catch.

In Thomson's second over they ran a very short single to cover, and Alec Pearce threw down the bowler's wicket. J. M. got the decision, but I suspect it was the benefit of the doubt L.G. also survived an appeal for l.b.w. from Thomson who was sending down an occasional good 'un, but providing far too many long hops. Both batsmen seemed entirely comfortable but at 22, L.G. after hooking Thomson to the leg boundary, played over the pitch of a fast one—nearly a yorker I think—and lost his off stump—22-1-10.

RUNS COME STEADILY

E. M. L. SOARES came in and glanced a two to leg and then hit a rank long hop to the leg boundary. The new batsman however was not so happy with Alec Pearce, for being left-handed he was up against leg-breaks. The wicket was taking a lot of spin and the ball popped up awkwardly on occasions. He was lucky to nick one through the slips without actually giving a chance. At 37, John Pearce relieved Thomson and J. M. banged a full toss very hard to the tent, but then in trying to hook a short one which turned a lot he went across his wicket and was bowled between his legs—41-2-14.

Reed came in and was greeted by a dabbler, which he put to leg for one. At this time, Alec Pearce was bowling round the wicket with a leg trap, and sent down a very fine maiden over to Reed. The trouble was he was breaking too much as balls pitched outside the off stump were turning outside the batsman's legs.

A FINE ATTEMPT

IN JOHN PEARCE'S next over Reed hooked one tremendously hard behind square leg—Haymes anticipated the shot and did very well to get to it, but the chance was too hot to hold. Soares rather enjoyed the slow (to him) off-breaks, and put one out

Official Times For Drawing Stumps

The following are the official times for drawing stumps:
October 6.15 p.m.
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January 6.00 p.m.
February, March and April 6.15 p.m.

of the ground for six. The fifty went up in 37 minutes. On Alec Pearce's first ball next over Reed went across his wicket, and was l.b.w.—56-3-3. Eddie Gosano came in, and Alec Pearce bowled his record maiden over. The next over was exciting as Soares survived two appeals for l.b.w., and then hit two big fours to leg. But next over he mistimed one and returned a catch to Alec Pearce just when he looked like settling down to a big score—67-4-23.

THEN THE RUNS CAME

SO FAR the Club had not done too badly, but at this point they cracked. Gerry Gosano settled down with E.L. and punished John Pearce for eight in an over, and proceeded to play very nice cricket. Ride relieved the leg break bowler, who had been clean off his length, and his first over was treated with respect. Haymes relieved Alec Pearce who had bowled excellently, and E.L. greeted him by driving him almost straight for six, and then off-driving a four. Both batsmen were quite at home. Fox made a splendid shot at stumping E. L. off a leg ball, but the batsman was in. The century was hoisted, and eight runs later Carey relieved Ride, and effected a separation as E.L. played to a faster one which turned from the off (or so he told me) and clean bowled him—115-5-25, and a very good knock.

THE FINAL STAND

WITH THE ENTRANCE of A. M. Rodrigues, the Club bowling was finally collared. G.N. cut Haymes twice very prettily, and is a stylish bat who reminds me of Nazarin a few years ago. 149 was hoisted after an hour and a half's play, and the only excitement was when Rodrigues put a lofted mashie shot over Haymes' head—but it was far too high to reach.

Alec Pearce resumed for Haymes, but Rodrigues took thirteen off his first over. Day relieved Ride, but Rodrigues took two fours and a two



Poetry of emotion. An exciting moment for A. Macfarlane, playing No. 3 for St. Andrew's Society, and J. Russell, in the lawn bowls match against St. George's Society on Saturday. Mr. Justice, E. Lindell, also affected, and E. V. Searle are watching the incoming shot. St. George's won by 168 shots to 147.—Home Photos.

Keen Rifle Shooting

Middleweight And Welterweight Title Bouts

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11 (UP).—At Hostak risks the middleweight title against the German, Eric Seelig, in a 15-round bout on Monday. At the same time Henry Armstrong meets Jimmy Garrison in a 10-round fight. Hostak weighed-in at 159 lbs. and Seelig at 162. Armstrong weighs 138½ lbs. and Garrison 141.

Little Dado As World Flyweight Champion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—The N.B.A. have announced their recognition of Little Dado as flyweight boxing champion of the world. Dado, it is stated, has agreed to meet any opponent selected by the N.B.A., including the first challenger, Enrico Urtizyn, who was the winner of the elimination bouts which involved Jackie Furch, Small Montana and Little Furch.

off him. Then next over an off drive for four and a lifted shot in the direction of third man (his first bad shot) gave G.N. his fifty. It was a very pretty knock and Rodrigues (40 not out) played excellent cricket as well. The score was 102—a stand of 77 unbroken for the fifth wicket—when the innings was declared closed.

A COMPLETE COLLAPSE

THE LESS SAID about the Club innings the better. Ride was clean bowled third ball by a good one from E. L. Gosano, while Carey put one from Ozorio into to mid-off—0-2-0. Divett failed and E. L. got one past Alec Pearce. But for John Pearce, Thomson and Day—the only three to get into double figures—there was a complete procession, tho' it is true the bowling was very good, and much assisted by the pitch. With the one exception mentioned every one was clean bowled.

Varsity Do Well

I DID NOT SEE the match at Pokfulam, but I have gleaned a few facts. The University bowling was distinctly good though they neglected their ideal opening pair in Gegg and Mahmood. The former bowled excellently to start with, but lost his direction later and was expensive. Mahmood, who went on late, had three for twenty-four, while the Varsity stand-by, R. Singh took six for forty-four.

THE MATCH SAVED

SET TO GET 157, the Varsity saved the match easily enough, but could not win it. It was an encouraging sign that six men got into double figures, and I trust this improvement in the batting will be maintained. For I.R.C., "N. Khass" A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail and A. Bakar were top scorers. Gegg (20) and J. Taul (25) let the Varsity score.

Low Scores

THE CLUB SECOND had a very bad day at the Police ground. They had the home side out for 102 (Popo 30), and with the side they had out they should have made the runs easily, but they flopped almost as badly as the first team. Parsons PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

Dempsey on Route To Manila

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (UP).—Pan American Airways to-day announced that the Clipper, with Jack Dempsey aboard en route to referee the Garcia-Lee title fight in Manila, plans to hop off at 4 p.m. to-day.

G. M. YOUNG CUP GOLF

First Round Matches Played At Fanling

In the first round of the G. M. Young Cup golf competition, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat the Chartered Bank, while Butterfield and Swire eliminated Chinese Maritime Customs.

Asiatic Petroleum Company and Dodwell and Co. received byes into the second round.

BOGEY (PAR) POOL

In the Bogey (Par) Pool held over the Old Course at Fanling during the past week-end, F. Groves (2) and P. C. Jackson (16) were both two down and divide the spoils.

ADAMSON CUP

In the Adamson Cup December qualifying round at Happy Valley, V. Ebbage returned a card of 85—18=67 and qualifies.

Women's Golf Fixtures

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies Section) advises that all L.G.U. competitions and handicaps are in abeyance until the end of the war. The notice board contains temporary handicaps on January 1.

A Club medal round for Silver and Bronze Divisions will be played on the first Tuesday in every month starting in January.

An Eclectic Competition in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will be held at Fanling on the New Course during January, February and March.

Badminton King's College Beat Kowloon Tong In "B" Division

King's College beat Kowloon Tong 8-1 in a "B" division badminton match played at the College last night.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's College) beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 21-0; beat R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko 21-10; beat B. F. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro 21-7.

K. H. Lo and T. Lam lost to Mackay and Chan 10-21; beat Lee and Ko 21-15; beat Fletcher and Castro 23-21.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Hung beat Mackay and Chan 21-15; beat Lee and Ko 21-14; beat Fletcher and Castro 21-14.

SPORT ADVTS

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THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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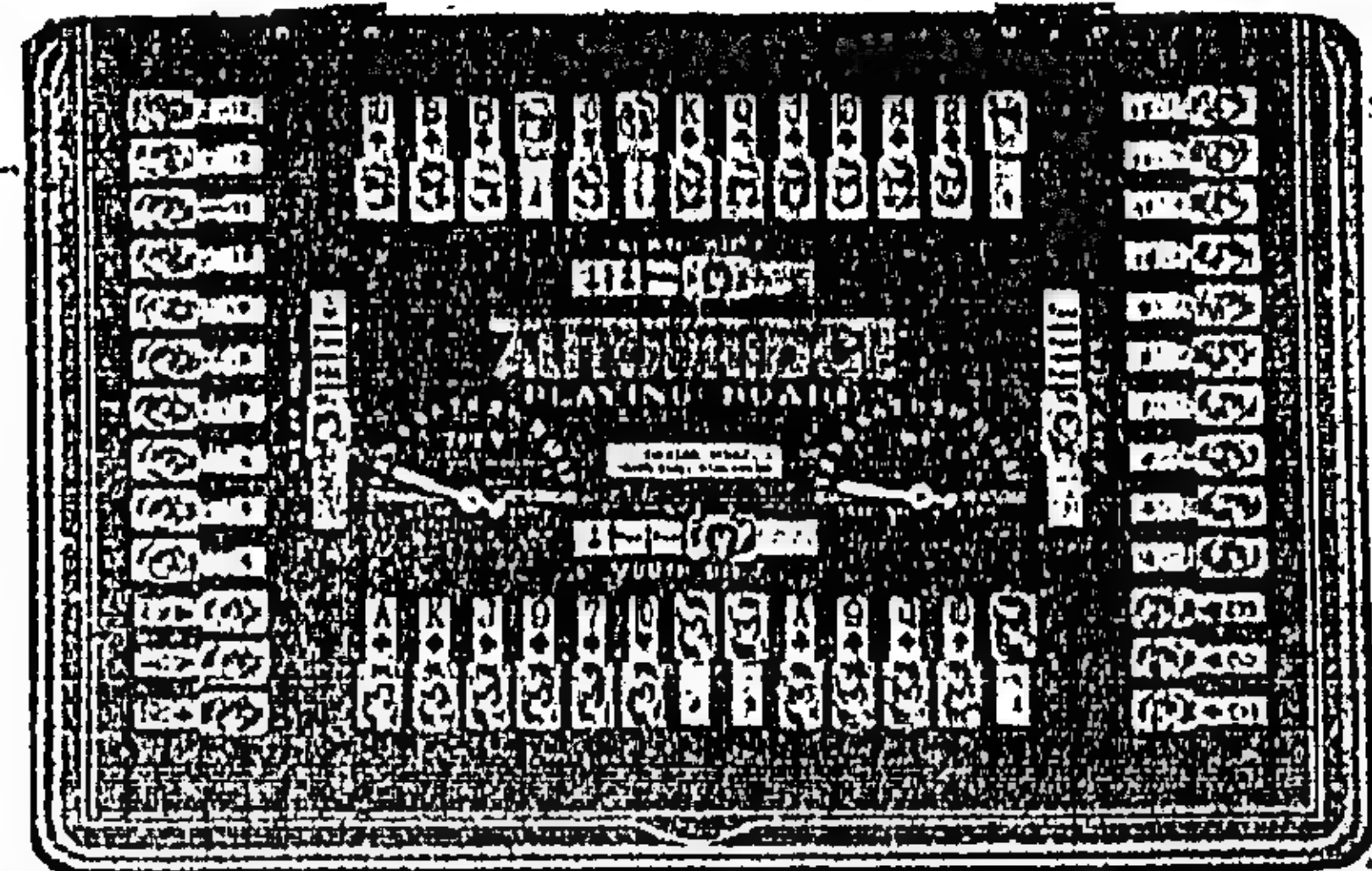
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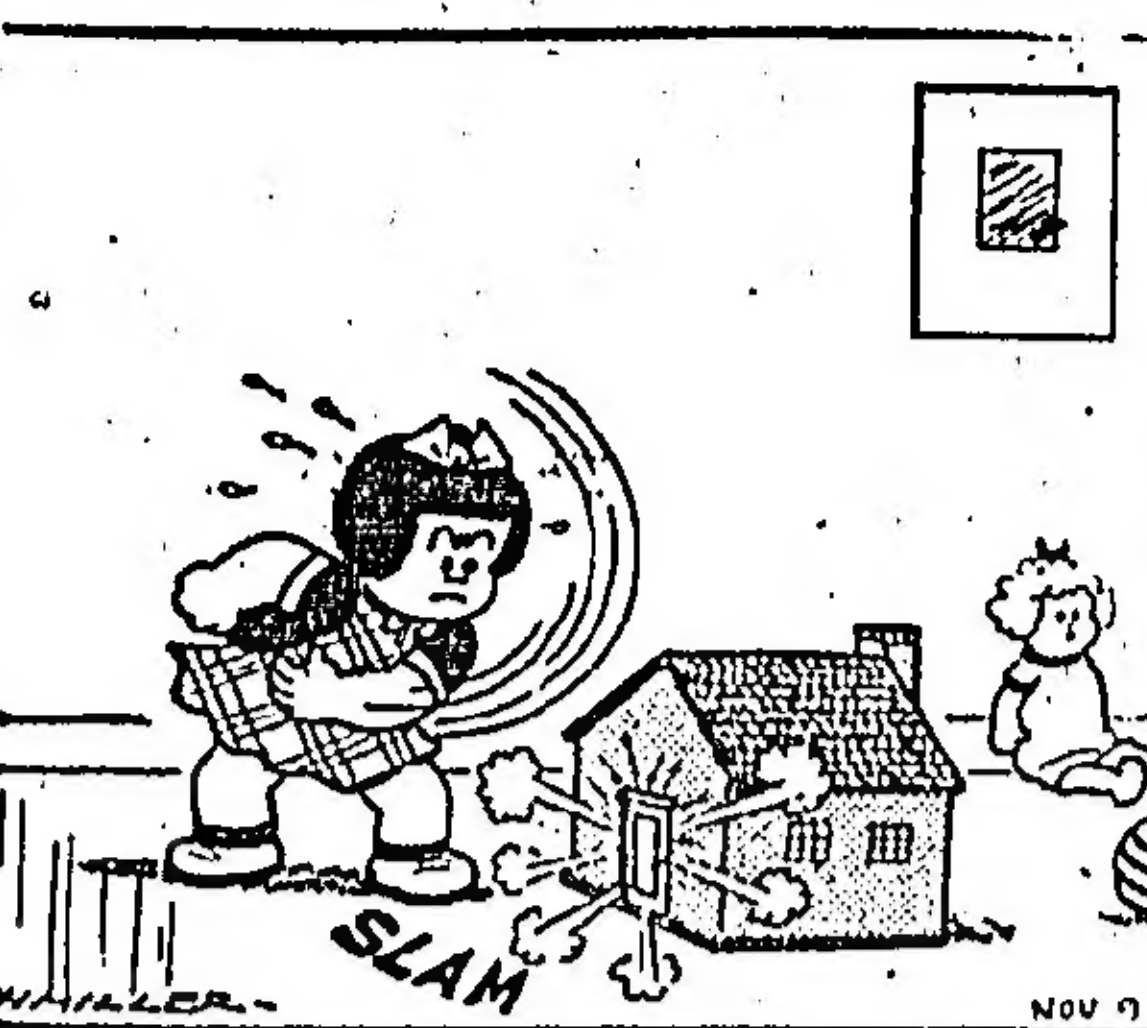
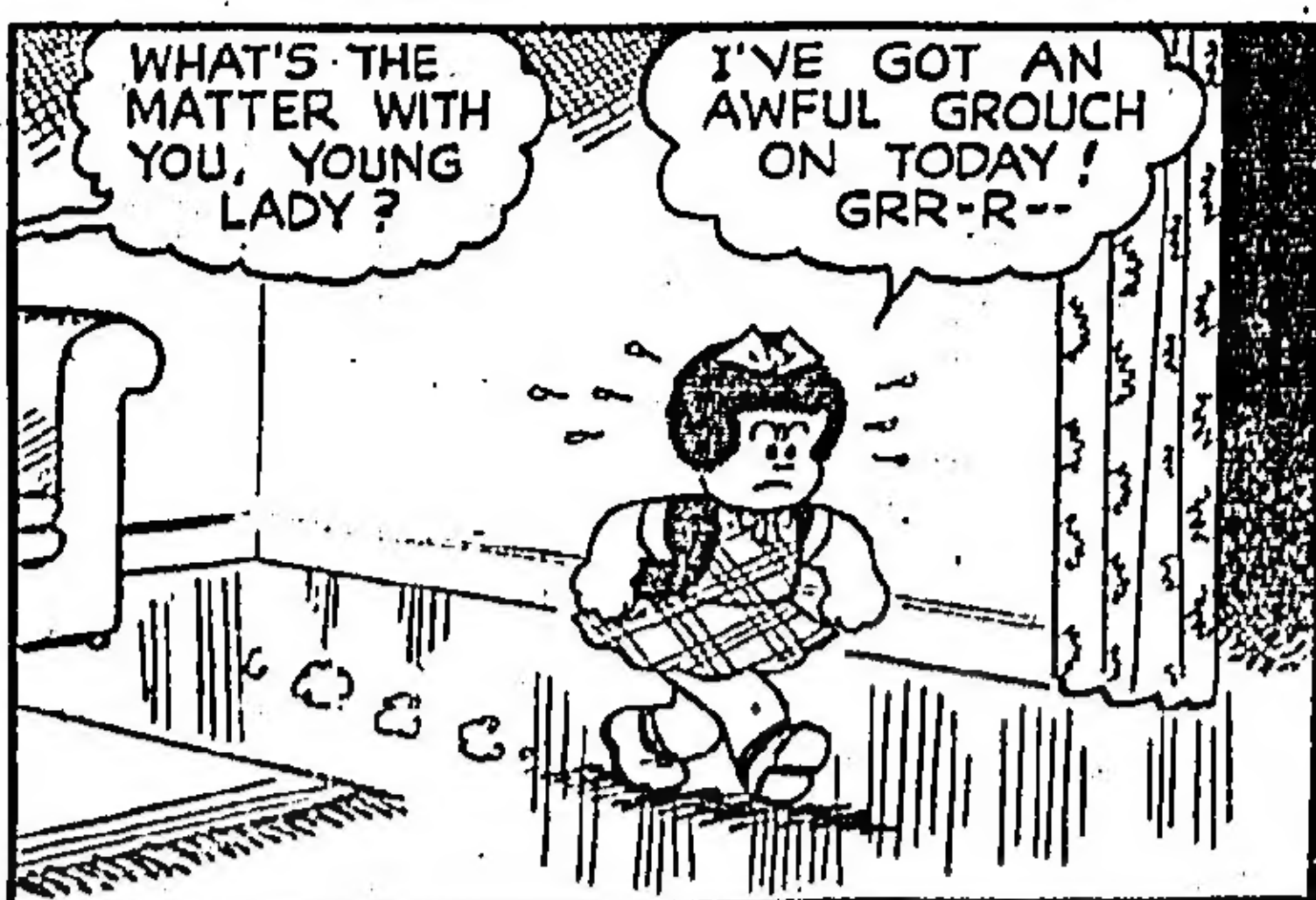
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



FORCED LABOUR—Poles who have been impressed into "work service" in the part of Poland occupied by Germans repair this bridge near Thorn, which was dynamited by the retreating Polish army to impede the Nazi advance.

LEFT TO DIE IN SINKING NAZI SHIP

DISOBEDIENCE SAVED LIVES

London. Official appreciation of a lance-corporal's disobedience at Blackpool was expressed by General Sir Henry Jackson—General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Command.

The lance-corporal rescued five unconscious men from a blaze at the Indian Theatre at Blackpool, and in spite of his severe burns, applied artificial respiration to them.

BRITISH SEAMAN WAS LOCKED UP

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM BARNARD, who was left to die, locked in a cabin in the doomed German steamer Olinda, is back at his home in Dimond-road, Southampton. He had served on German ships for some time and was a quartermaster in the Olinda when the war started.

The ship was bound for South America. When the declaration of war was known on board, the captain ordered Mr. Barnard to be locked in a cabin as a prisoner.

The next day they met a British warship, which ordered the crew to leave before the Olinda was sunk.

"They abandoned ship," Mr. Barnard said, "but left me still locked in the cabin."

Two Hours in Sea "I was trapped. I wrenched off a brass fitting from the electric light and with it battered down the door-panel until there was a hole large enough for me to squeeze through."

"But even then I was not out of danger. I had to jump overboard from the sinking ship. I was swimming about in the sea for over two hours."

"The British warship came quite close to me once, but I was not noticed."

"It turned away and it looked as though there was no hope."

The Lucky Turn

"But then it made another turn, spotted me, and sent a boat." Mr. Barnard was landed in South America and was sent home by a British Consul.

BRIBE FOR DANES

£100,000 Fund To Buy The Press

Copenhagen. A Nazi scheme to bribe or blackmail neutral newspapers and periodicals into printing pro-German and anti-Allied material has come to light in Copenhagen.

An office has been taken in the Dagmar Hus, Denmark's most up-to-date office building, by a "svæbgeselschaft," or advertising and propaganda company, to place advertising of German goods in Danish publications.

The office is under the direction of a Mr. A. Jensen, and more than £100,000 in cash has been placed at its disposal as a first instalment for "buying advertising space."

German agents have made it clear that no Danish publications will receive any orders for advertising space unless they revise their editorial policy in a pro-German direction. The more pro-German they show themselves the more advertising they will be allotted.

One Link in Chain

As soon as the full implication of this impudent scheme came to light, a special meeting of the council of Denmark's incorporated practitioners in advertising passed a resolution urging members not to accept the account of the "svæbgeselschaft."

Though the war has badly hit nearly all Danish periodicals, the two leading weekly magazines, "Hjemmet" and "Danish Family Journal," have indicated that their editorial policies are not for sale and that they do not propose to accept advertising from the "svæbgeselschaft."

Mr. Jensen has a staff of about 15 who talk persuasively to influential members of the Danish Press.

The "svæbgeselschaft" is a link in a chain which Germany hopes to construct in all neutral States of Europe and America. Similar organisations are working or being planned for Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Chile and other countries.

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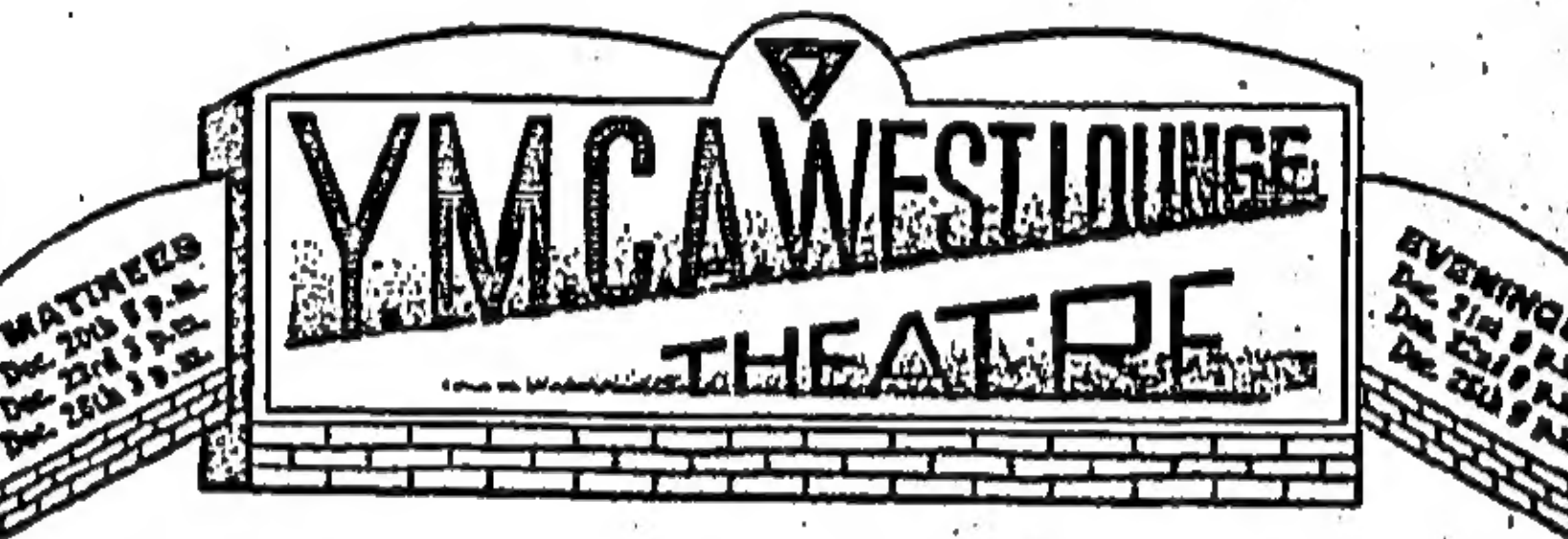
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Singing For Red Cross

COUNT JOHN McCORMACK, who sang his farewell in London last year, while hundreds of women wept, has come out of his retirement to help Britain in the war.

The fifty-five-years-old tenor whose voice has been heard all over the world for a quarter of a century, sang at Manchester in aid of the Red Cross. And his voice will be heard again soon in London. All through the winter he will go from one place to another.

"When I retired from concert work last year," he said, "I never dreamed I should so soon be making such a strenuous tour. But I want to show in a practical way my sympathy for the country of Chopin, Paderewski and Kosciuszko—they were all Poles."

All the profits of his tour will go to the Red Cross. All the largest halls have been booked, and he hopes that thousands will hear him. Count McCormack will take with

WAR HIDDEN FROM KIDDIES

New York. Twelve hundred child refugees of the conflict in Spain have been kept in ignorance of the outbreak of the European war. The Spanish children are billeted in eight colonies in France.

Elio G. Muggeridge, Executive Secretary of the foster parents plan for Spanish children, said Miss Esme Odgers, American administrator of the group's headquarters here the children might become "unmanageable," if they knew about the war, because of their fear of air raids.

Mr. Muggeridge said the children had endured for 2½ years "the incessant bombing in Spain."

him on the tour, as an accompanying artist. Miss Sarah Buckley, a former Lancashire mill-girl.

He thinks her contralto voice comparable to Clara Butt's, and that she will soon be famous.

STALIN'S DOWNFALL FORECAST BY RED

By William Henry Chamberlin

CANNES. It is not very often that Stalin is criticised by a Soviet citizen. Indeed one might accurately say that the privilege of criticising a dictator may only be purchased by ceasing to be a citizen of the country over which he rules. An indictment of Stalin has just been drawn up by Fyodor Raskolnikoff, former Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria, who was recently declared an outlaw because of his refusal to return to the Soviet Union, where he doubtless anticipated the fate of many other diplomats who have been victims of Stalin's prolonged and comprehensive purge.

Like many other individuals who have fallen into disfavour in the Soviet Union during the last few years, Raskolnikoff was a picturesque and glamorous figure in the early days of the Revolution. A leader of the turbulent Kronstadt sailors, who were strong supporters of bolshevism, Raskolnikoff was captured by the British during the

period of Allied intervention in Russia and told me with a smile that he learned English in Brixton Prison when I met him in Moscow. He was subsequently exchanged and took command of naval operations of a Soviet gunboat flotilla on the Volga River and the Caspian Sea. He possessed some literary talent and published a play of the French Revolution entitled "Robespierre."

Open Letter

From his place of refuge in Cannes, in southern France, Raskolnikoff publishes an "open letter to Stalin," from which the following excerpts are characteristic:

"You practice politics without ethics, power without honour, socialism without regard for the human being. This socialism is as far from true socialism as your arbitrary personal dictatorship is from the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"You have calumniated and shot the companions of Lenin, Kameneff, Zinoviev, Bukharin, Rykov and others, of whose innocence you were very well aware. Before their death you forced them to express repentance for crimes which they have never committed."

"On the eve of a war you are destroying the Red Army, the pride of the country, the bulwark of its power. You have decimated the Red Army and the Red Navy. You have killed the most gifted of our officers, headed by the brilliant Marshal Tukachevsky. Where is Marshal Blucher? (the former commander of the Soviet Far Eastern Army). Where is Marshal Egoroff? You have arrested them, Stalin!"

Experiences Told

Raskolnikoff described his own experiences as Ambassador in Sofia, where an agent-provocateur had caused the arrest of almost the whole personnel of the embassy, from the military attaché to the chauffeur. He called the roll of a number of well known Soviet writers, Plinski, Trelinkoff, Arosieff, Tarnav-Rodionoff, who had been arrested. He also mentioned the aviation constructor, Tupoleff, and the modernistic theatrical producer Meyerhold as among those who had been arrested and two well known natural scientists, Professors Ipatieff and Chichibabine, as having been forced to flee from the country. Apocryphising Stalin again, he writes:

"Like Hitler you have rekindled the auto-da-fés of books of the Middle Ages. I have seen with my own eyes huge lists of books, to be destroyed without delay, sent to Soviet libraries. On these lists, in regard to numerous names of authors, one finds the instructions: Suppress all books, pamphlets and pictures."

Further reproaching Stalin with refusing to admit political refugees from Spain and other countries, Raskolnikoff ends his letter with a prediction that the Soviet dictator will be overthrown and that his crimes will be punished.

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If you are one of the many who suffer from that nasty sinking feeling which accompanies the ordeal of the dentist's chair, it would do you good to visit a dentist.

No need to be afraid of the dentist, especially when he is deft and light-handed in his movements.

Painful Talks

I do beg of you who are parents never to discuss any painful visits to the dentist before your children, and never to lead them to expect pain when they have to go themselves.

In almost every case it is entirely unnecessary, thanks to modern methods, but I have seen quite tiny children on the occasion of their first visit to the dentist yelling all the way up the stairs to the waiting-room.

This can only have been caused by unwise handling of the situation on the

part of some grown-up, thus turning quite a simple affair into a nerve-racking ordeal for some highly-strung youngster.

Nothing could be more disastrous.

Actually all children's teeth should be examined regularly once a quarter, for tiny repairs or slight abnormalities. You will never be able to put this wise rule into force if it means hysterical crying, and the up-setting of other patients, every time you bring the child to the clinic.

Treat your children to look upon dentists, doctors and nurses as their very good friends. By doing this you will train them to a common-sense handling of the situation which will stand them in excellent stead all through their lives.

Teething

Now for a few words on teething. The age at which a baby cuts its first tooth varies very much. One hears of babies cutting one or two teeth as early as the age of four months. Very occasionally a child is actually born with one or two teeth through the gums.

On the other hand, perfectly healthy and well-developed children may not cut a tooth until they are ten to eleven months old.

In trying to decide whether a child is really backward in development one cannot therefore go entirely by the progress in cutting teeth. Other matters need consideration.

Does the child move freely, sit up by himself and make efforts to stand?

Is he bright and contented, and is he making regular increases in weight? If the answer to such queries is in the affirmative then there need be no real alarm if the child is a little late in teething. The teeth are likely to

come in fairly rapid succession once he does make a start.

By the time a child reaches his second birthday he should have cut most of the twenty milk teeth.

Complete Set

Ideally, they should all be through by then, and he should be eating plenty of solids and little or no sloppy food, the drinks being reserved to the end of the meal.

If you value your child's teeth as well as his digestion you will never sanction the "bite and sup" method of eating. Neither will you agree to the crusts of his bread being left, and you will encourage him as he grows older to enjoy the well-buttered crusts at the ends of your loaves.

Through the process of baking, certain important chemical changes take place in crusts, which make them of nutritive value to children.

Many parents complain that their children's front teeth tend to show early signs of decay, and some dentists ascribe this to an earlier and most

Regular visits to the dentist mean strong, even teeth

undesirable use of dummies. Never forget that the child's first and second sets of teeth are already laid down in the jaws long before birth, and that injuries to these teeth can therefore occur before they have ever appeared through the gums.

Never think that first teeth don't matter because they are not permanent teeth. They matter enormously, seeing that neglected decay in the milk teeth can so quickly spread to decay in the permanent set which is forming beneath them.

About the age of five to six children begin to cut permanent six-year-old molars. This process is sometimes attended by a certain degree of unrest, both bodily and mental.

Baracho is often an accompaniment, as is also enlargement of small glands in the neck. Extra rest and careful attention to the bowels should put things right quickly.

Too Many Colds

My baby appears to cut every fresh tooth with a heavy cold. How can I avoid this?

THE complaint that babies cut their teeth with a cold or with a mild attack of bronchitis is fairly common. I am afraid that it is difficult to avoid the symptoms entirely.

Much can be done, however, by keeping him or her in the same temperature for a few days while the tooth is coming through.

The room should never be over-hot but the temperature should be even. Rub a little vasoline on the bridge of the nose to relieve nasal congestion, and rub chest and back with a mixture of olive and camphorated oils.

Keep head and shoulders raised on a fairly high pillow. Regular small doses of saline pills should be given to all babies while teething.

Over-Crowding

Our girl, aged 11, has an eye-tooth showing through the gum, and the dentist advises me to have another second tooth drawn to make room for it. Do you think this is really necessary?

I WOULD certainly advise you to abide by your dentist's decision in this matter if he is a qualified member of his profession.

Very often overcrowding occurs if the second teeth are large, and the first teeth are small, and the first teeth to keep the set evenly spaced.

Hats With Back Interest

By ELEANOR GUNN.

New York—Checking up on the football girls I find that small hats, less fantastically miniature than last winter, are the ruling class in millinery. Pillboxes (with bumper

brims for more exclusive ones), Scotch caps, flat muffin berets, and high and low crowns, are but brimless favourites. Postillions with both draped turbans represent the brimmed type of the season. But with the exception of draped turbans, practically every hat has back interest—swooshes, or streamers.

An occasional, but very occasional, veil blows across the picture but the snood or the so-called bustle back hat is sufficiently interesting in itself and needs no flatter.

Looking toward jackets, see whether I'm not right about the following:

Separate jackets galore—monotone and plaid woollens with the bright red separate jacket definitely dating such costumes as of this winter. Newest in separate jacket styles is the addition of a fur collar—in the mood of feminising what was formerly just a casual seque.

Longer jackets become an actuality. Wrist length, with closely fitted lines which means curved-in waists and snug hips, describes these new jackets usually in four-button single-breasted styles. The coupling of these longer jackets with flared skirts gives an entirely new character to tailored suits, which are, by the way, worn by the swankiest set, becoz, becoz, they are nice under fur shortcoats.

Paris, Dec. 11.

A communique issued this morning says there is nothing important to report.

When an official communique states there is nothing important to report it does not mean there is no fighting, declares M. Charles Morice in Le Petit Parisien, regarding the fighting on the Western Front.

The fighting is different from the last time, but still there is fighting. Daily from one end of the battle front to the other some 40 units, 20 on either side, totaling between 1,000 to 2,000 men each, are in contact.

The fighting occurs in unoccupied territory between the two advance lines and the defence, which in some places is separated by four or five miles.

Both sides fight with the aid of machine guns, hand grenades and artillery. A test of strength takes place in the open ground which is enclosed by small posts occupied during the day and almost evacuated at night.

M. Morice concludes that often it is ferocious fighting—Reuter Bulletin.

Don't Take It Too Literally

Good gifts for Christmas are handkerchiefs, kerchiefs and belts. We include here some of the novelties of the season. They are three outstanding handkerchief patterns of the season.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

A physical training competition open to local Vernacular Schools has been arranged by the Education Department as follows:

Kowloon Schools Thursday, December 21, at 9 a.m. at Kowloon Football Club ground.

Hongkong Schools Friday, December 22, at 9 a.m. at Hongkong Football Club ground.

The final will take place at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, December 22, when His Excellency the Governor will be present. There will be a short demonstration by pupils from Senior Schools.

GOLF CHAMPION WEDS

London, Dec. 11.

Henry Cotton, British golfer, has married Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss, a wealthy Argentinean heiress, while on a golfing tour—Reuter.

No Broken Nails

Attached to the phones in Lucille Ball's home and dressing-room are slim silver pencils all equipped with a round knob where erasers usually grow. Lucille uses the pencil for note while phoning, uses the knob for dialing numbers. Saves broken nails, wear and tear on nail polish.

LAUNDRY TIP

Since men's dark-coloured hose often run when laundered, they are likely to stain other clothing. So wash the hose separately, hang them up quickly and don't let them come in contact with the rest of the laundry.



Demure and ultra chic is this correlated evening frock of champagne marquisette and sequins. Completely covered up from neck to toe, with full long sleeves to achieve the "covered up look" so fashionable to-day, it gains further elegance through the sequin outline of midriff, as designed by Myron Herbert.

SMALL MONEY

French Police Discover Car Full of Coppers

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

In the midst of the small money shortage which has forced business throughout the city to print their own trade coupons, the French Police halted a motor car carrying two Chinese and a Baron Gros, of the French Consulate, for a routine search when they discovered 100,000 copper coins which had not been in local circulation since shortly after the outbreak of war, when the Japanese allegedly purchased the majority of the coins for the purpose of extracting the copper for munition manufacture.

VARIETY CONCERTS

The Hongkong University Women University Graduates' Club will hold a variety concert, under the distinguished patronage of Lady Northcote, in the Great Hall of the University on December 14 at 8 p.m. for school children, and again on December 15 at 8.45 p.m. for the public.

The proceeds of the concert are in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association, and the Chinese War Orphans.

The Chinese have so far not disclosed what they were doing with the copper coins which have been detained in the French Police headquarters—United Press.



A silver fox trimmed coat with pockets worked beneath the tuxedo. The fur above the waistline is wider and free of the body, slenderizing the waist itself.

SHORT CUTS

When cooking in a double-boiler, be sure that the top section is partially immersed in water in the section below.

Baked, stuffed onions should be parboiled first. Then remove as much of the centre as desired, fill with a bread or vegetable stuffing and bake in a moderate oven until browned.

When shopping for a cooky jar, remember that a low, wide one is best.

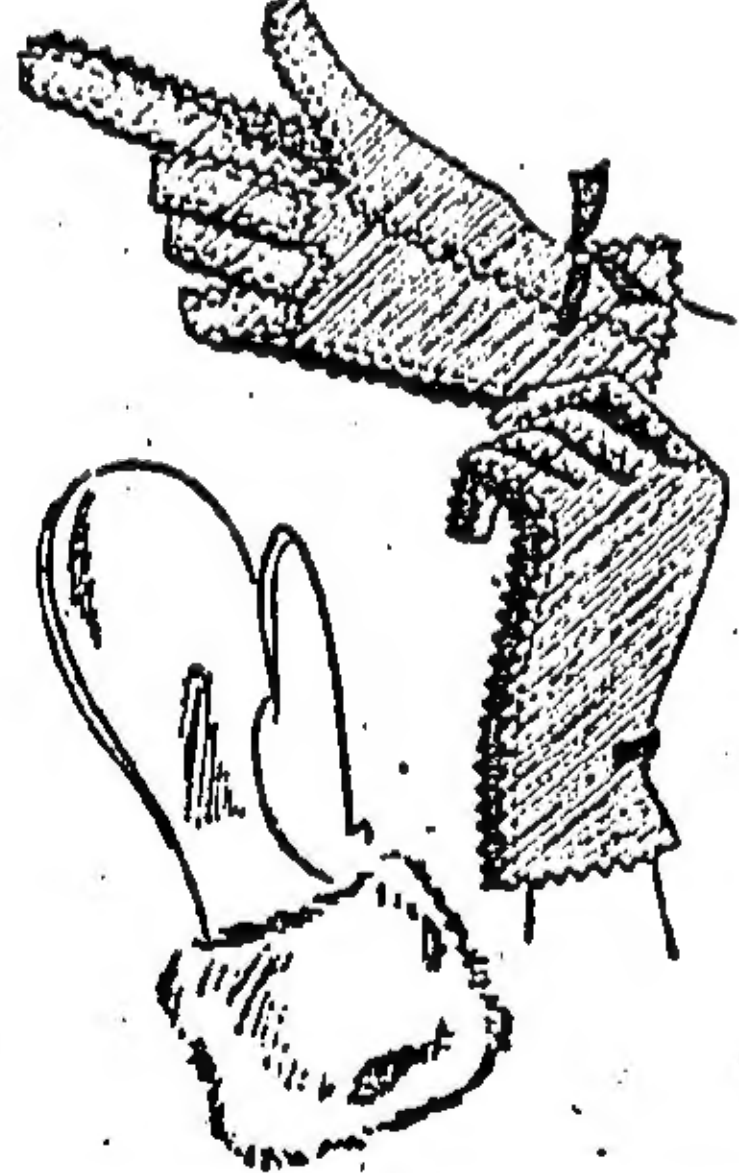
Wilting vegetables will taste better if they are crisped and freshened by soaking in cold water before cooking.

When children grow tired of cereal cooked in porridge form how about baking some rice muffins for a change, or nut bread in which bran and graham flour are equally mixed with white flour, or oatmeal cakes?

In making tea, a teaspoonful of grated orange or lemon rind for each four to six cups may be placed in the teapot with the tea before adding boiling water.

Good "pot holders" are large enough to protect the hands completely, flexible enough to hold things easily and easy to wash. They should always be immaculate.

In making fruit salad, choose small oranges for slicing large oranges for segmenting.



For a schoolgirl, the gloves sketched above are just the thing for an appropriate Christmas gift. The novel plaid-edged, finger-free gloves at top are good for everyday wear, while the big warm woolly glove of lambskin would be ideal for sports.

LOST CAVES AS RAID SHELTERS

LONDON.—The long-lost caverns of Blackheath have been found again and now they may be turned into an air raid shelter for suburban Greenwich.

The caves—four rooms in the chalky earth under the site of one of the world's first golf courses—were open to the public for years but in 1933 they were closed as unsafe. Fallen material blocked the entrance and they were forgotten.

Workmen have sunk a 40-foot shaft and rediscovered them. The Borough Council is considering installing some timbers to make a bombproof shelter.



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ROUTE TOO LONG

Cheung Chau residents are labouring under a sense of grievance and are shortly to petition the Government.

The complaint is in connection with the new ferry service introduced after the outbreak of hostilities in Europe which necessitated laying of mine fields in Colony waters. The West Lamma Channel mine area is in the direct route of the Cheung Chau ferries, with the result that the ferries are diverted. This journey takes two hours, about double the time of the direct route.

Cheung Chau residents are asking why they should be put to this inconvenience, particularly when the West Lamma Channel could be effectively mined and still allow ferries to use the direct route. A bamboo pier could be erected opposite Cheung Chau Hospital for the landing of passengers and particularly the large quantities of ice used for preserving fish.

The present route is so long that it only allows of two ferries running per day between Cheung Chau and Hongkong, whereas five ferries were considered inadequate formerly. The big rush of refugees has meanwhile considerably worsened the situation. The present population of Cheung Chau is about 12,000 Chinese and 200 Europeans.

"This is a matter on which the Cheung Chau Residents' Association feels very strongly," said an official of the Association yesterday. "Tremendous hardship has been caused to the island folk and it is our intention to petition the Government. I am certain that when the Government sees how easy it is they will rectify matters."

It is understood that a petition signed by all the European residents and leading kaitongs of the island has been drawn up, and is to be presented to the Government during the next few days.

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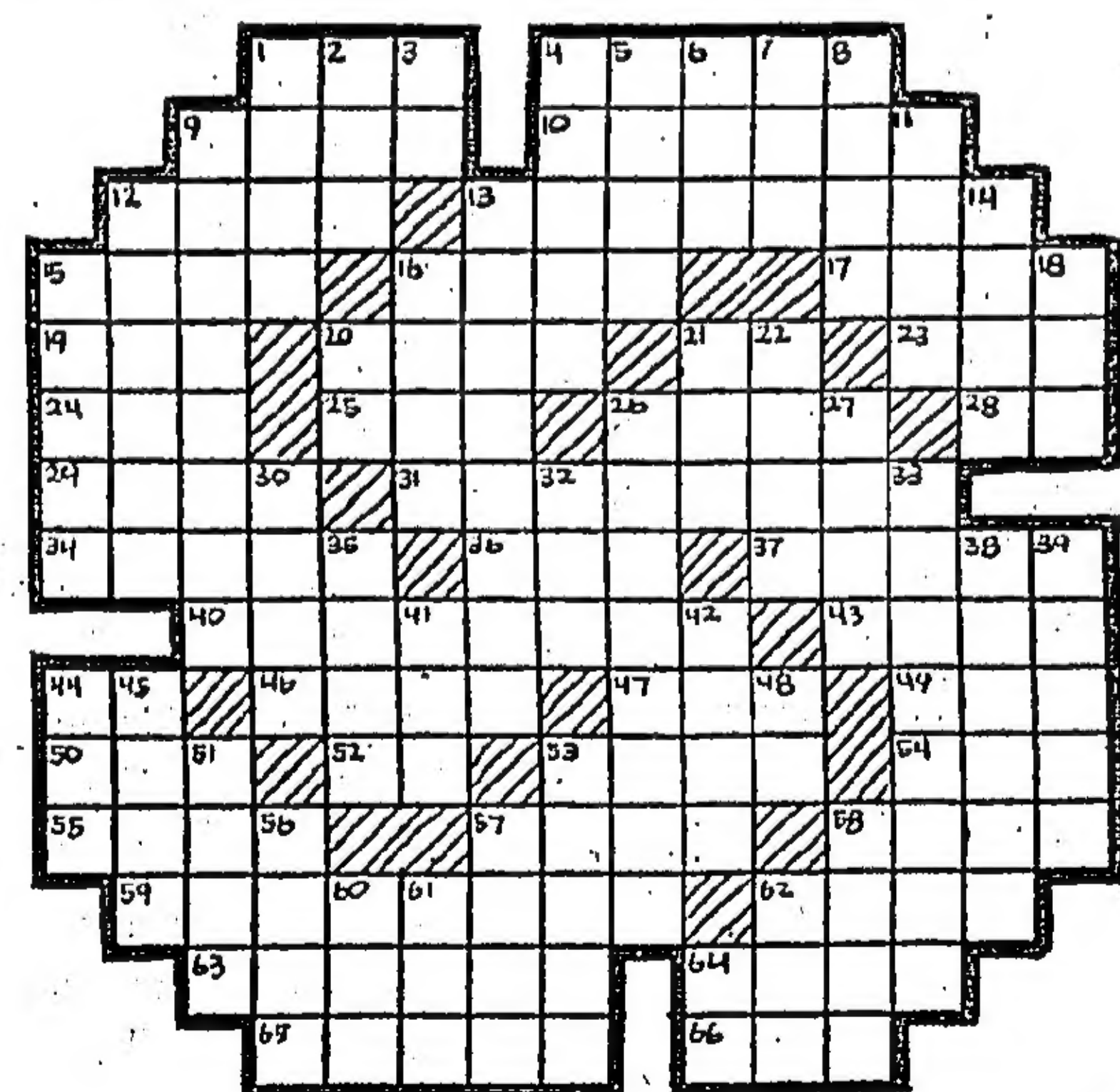
By LARS MORRIS

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R.A.F. MEN DESCRIBE A THRILLING AIR BATTLE

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

Standing in the mud of a Service aerodrome in France this morning, I talked with the three Royal Air Force pilots who were directly involved in yesterday's successful battle with German 'planes over the British lines.

Scattered around the improvised field were the squadron's fighter machines, some ready for instantaneous take-off, others being refuelled and checked by mechanics.

The weather was cold and misty and the ceiling almost zero, all in sharp contrast to the bright sunny day and blue sky with unlimited horizon that yesterday tempted the German 'planes to make their disastrous attempt at a photographic reconnaissance over our positions.

The three pilots, aged respectively 22, 23 and 26, had none of them been in the Service for more than three years. All previously had been in business. One had been with a firm of flour millers, the second, hailing from Surbiton, had worked in the City, and the

third had originally been an apprentice at the De Havilland works in England.

All pilots flew single-seater fighters. One had shot down one of the Germans after a brief air battle and followed him down to watch him land in field far behind the British front.

The other had forced the second 'plane down into Belgium. He was, of course, unable to follow him into neutral territory, but he told me that the machine appeared to be plunging earthwards out of control, with smoke emerging from the tail, and that it seemed certain it must have crashed.

Spotted At 20,000ft.

The alarm was given shortly after 10 yesterday morning, and within 2½ minutes half a dozen of our machines were in the air.

At almost the same time one of the German Heinkel 'planes' very high, about 20,000 feet and the two machines that started to chase him had full 40 minutes' flight at top speed.

The German machine made little attempt to evade pursuit, but continued flying in a straight line, apparently unaware he was being followed.

As our machines started to come within range the German rear gunner swung in his swivelling gun. The British pilot, who was in the cockpit in the tail, started firing bursts, but his aim was poor or the range too far as they did no harm.

Our other machine, coolly waiting for the perfect range, reared on to the enemy, and finally, from within only a few hundred yards, gave him a full burst from the synchronised machine-guns that made up the armament of his fighter.

Spiralled To Earth

The pilot, who, as I saw him this morning in well-polished uniform and brightly polished black shoes, resembled anything but the rough and tumble fighter freshly emerged from an aerial dog fight, told me he could plainly see his bullets splutter into the enemy's fuselage.

Smoke started to emerge from the German machine and one propeller cut out. The German gunner's machine gun immediately stopped.

Appeal For Support

Horticultural Society To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hong-kong Horticultural Society is to be held in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Tuesday, December 19 at 5.15 p.m.

The report of the Society states: The annual show of flowers and vegetables took place at St. John's Place (opposite the Helena May Institute) on March 9 and 10, and was a great success. There was a record attendance this year, but considering the large number of residents who could avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Society of seeing a show of flowers and vegetables comparing very favourably with any provincial show in England, the Committee hopes the public will patronise the show in still larger numbers. The number of entries also constituted a record, but extra stalling had to be constructed to accommodate all the exhibits.

The membership roll stands at 10 life members and 223 ordinary members as against 10 life members and 232 ordinary members in the previous year. As the membership roll is decreasing each year, the Committee appeals strongly again to all members to make an endeavour to induce as many of their friends as possible, who are interested in gardening, to join the Society. The financial state of the Society remains sound.

hiring, and the landing wheels of the machine dropped, either because the controls had been cut by bullets or because the pilot had dropped them in a sign of surrender.

In any case, the machine started to spiral downward and our pilot, ceasing fire on an apparently disabled enemy, followed it down towards the ground, by this time 18,000 feet below.

The German touched in a field, hedge-hopped over a couple of ditches, and finally landed with a crash against a hedge.

The wreck of his machine, as it was inspected by R.A.F. officers today, showed that the interior of the fuselage was a shambles of blood-stains and riddled metal, showing more than 200 bullet-holes.

The German pilot, by some miracle, survived untouched, but the two other members of his crew were seriously injured and now lie in a French hospital.

One had such a narrow escape that an eyebrow was neatly severed, and it was actually found adhering to the wall of the machine.

The British pilot, who had told me his story with the diffidence and non-chalance one expected, admitted that he had been greatly excited over his first air fight.

In the hurry of his departure from the ground he had failed to put on his overcoat, and wore only his uniform.

"Waiting Hardest To Bear"

I asked him whether he had not felt the cold at that great height, even in a cockpit protected by a sliding top.

"No," he replied, "the excitement must have kept me warm."

I asked him whether he had felt any fear or nervousness.

"It's the waiting about that's hard to bear," he replied, "like one feels in a football match. Once you're in the air all that vanishes, and you think of only one thing—that other fellow who'll get you if you don't get him."

And yet, with all his excitement, it is to be noted that this young pilot, in his first experience of actual warfare, had the necessary coolness to hold his fire until the enemy was in the perfect place at the best range—in other words, until he presented himself as the ideal target.

The second British pilot also had a stern chase, and was not until he had followed the Heinkel 'plane for a short time.

There was a brief exchange of bursts of machine-gun fire. The Germans' aim was wide, but our pilot was accurate, and within what seemed but a few minutes the second German 'plane plunged into a nose-dive and disappeared under a plume of smoke, crashing down into Belgium.

Three Cameras Found

In the German 'plane, a well-built solid machine, which was brought down, three large cameras were found, but the bodies were empty. Presumably, as the machine was on a photographic reconnaissance, they had not been filled before departure.

On a shelf in the fuselage still lay the crew's ration—lastly hard and neatly wrapped in cellophane or silver paper.

The machine was a new one, the manufacturers' date being marked 1939, while a Vercy light found in it was stamped as late as September, 1939.

The metal eagle, presumably the insignia of the German squadron at Goslar, whence the bomber came, and the Swastika on the fuselage, will be presented to the mess of the British squadron as a permanent souvenir of a successful day's hunting.

Good work also was done by British anti-aircraft batteries, but the German 'planes flew so high as to be out of their range. One Devon battery of ex-Territorial soldiers reported to have reached a very rapid rate of fire with its guns, and it was in action within 30 seconds.

The unwounded German pilot, a young man of only 19, was visited to-day by his successful opponent. The two pilots, German and British, exchanged a few polite words, and the German expressed his thanks at the courtesy of the call.

He has since been removed for examination by intelligence officers. No report has yet been received as to the definite fate of the other bomber which crashed into Belgium.

Atlantic Crossed In 13 Hours

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' flying-boat Cabot has made a new record for the flight from Ireland to Newfoundland—13 hours, 2 minutes, writes the Air Correspondent.

The previous record for the east-to-west crossing of the North Atlantic of 13hr. 23 min. was set up by Captain D. C. T. Bennett in Mercury, upper half of the Mayo composite machine, in 1937.

Captain Gordon Store was pilot of Cabot.

Since the war began Imperial Airways have carried on the regular North Atlantic mail service between London and New York.

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WITH THE RIVAL PATROLS Front Line Night Adventures

By RICHARD CAPELL

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent with the French Army FRANCE.

November brought downpours of rain, day after day, and now the hills have already been seen trying on, as it were, their mantle of snow which will before long be their regular wear.

The rivers are in flood, and all this spells the abandonment of mud for infantry and artillery.

I have visited in the last few days batteries of various calibres and also the outposts of a cavalry regiment, which has left its horses in the rear and is holding a section of the front line.

The ways are woodland paths which have been trampled into a slough. It is not yet the desperate mud of a land that has been blasted with shelling. The country has known nothing of such bombardments as turned brooks from their courses and made pools, like those of the old Paschendale front, in which a man can drown.

The Whispering Post

It is still rare to see a field pitted with shell-holes; and such firing as there is seems indolent, as though some battery had taken it into its head to fire a few score of rounds out of boredom with the dank autumnal day.

But the mud is such as to make the lot of these gunners unenviable enough by ordinary civilian standards.

A unit in the front line consents to a visit being paid to one of its observation posts. The stipulation is made that conversation shall be in a whisper, for the Germans are near.

The Germans, too, must have been whispering. Or perhaps they had nothing to say to one another that afternoon. Not a word, at any rate, was to be heard from their side.

The village across the way looked intact. The war seemed to be sulking. But it is not a lazy war for the men at this observation post. Night brings adventures enough on this front, where the word "line" seems inapplicable, for there is no conventional trench system, and French and German explore each other's fields and woods under cover of darkness.

Sheep Dogs Give Alarm

The Germans are said to have clever collaborators in their sheep-dogs, which are trained to detect French patrols. If the dogs are out with the German patrol they "point" like a retriever when they detect the French party. But if a dog is out by itself it is trained to go back barking to its masters if it has "smelt" men of the other side.

I talk with a soldier. He tells me things about the night's work not for publication, and winds up by saying that the Germans are not really half so crafty as they are made out to be. He is plastered with mud, and his five days' growth of beard makes him look a magnificent brigand. But at home, in smiling valley of the Loire, he keeps a tobacco shop. He shows me his dug-out. It is tolerable as such things go, but less than snug.

Late at night I can get out of muddy puttees and stretch myself on a dry bed. But sleep does not come at once, for thinking of my tobacco-stand from the Loire in his dank and hazardous wood.

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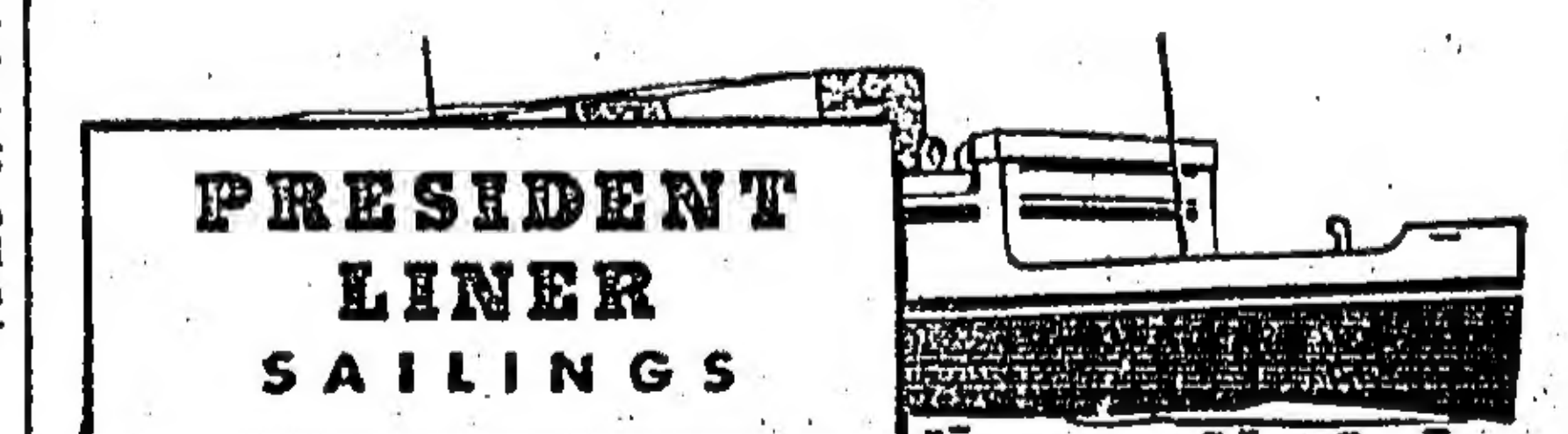
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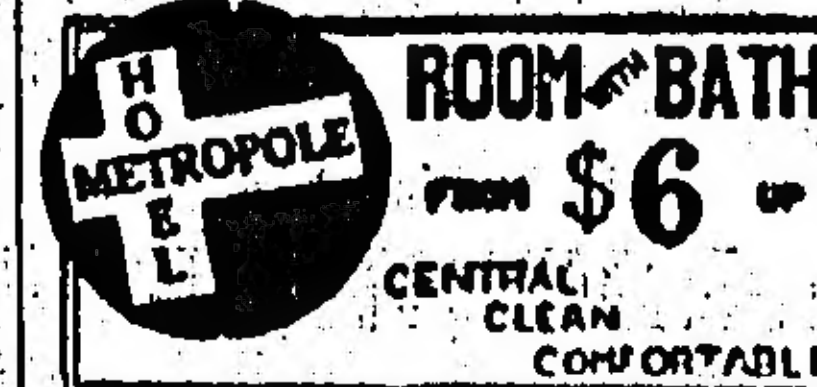
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One-Third of City Destroyed By Bombings STARVATION CLAIMS MANY POLISH LIVES

RIGA.
According to the investigations of Dr. Otto, the German Mayor of Warsaw, more than one-third of the houses there have been completely destroyed and one-fifth very badly damaged, though not beyond repair.

There are besides a number of less badly damaged buildings. Destruction was caused chiefly by artillery, not by bombs.

The number of inhabitants killed is not yet, if it ever can be, ascertained.

It is estimated at some 50,000; but hundreds of corpses are believed to be still buried under the debris.

People are still in great distress; thousands are without a permanent dwelling; and many are destitute and without the means of earning a living.

The supply system is not yet able to meet the difficulties of feeding and clothing the people.

Warsaw's plight is that of the greater part of the area of Poland occupied by Germany.

The towns and villages abound in homeless paupers, uprooted from their homes, wandering, hungry, and hunted creatures. The provisioning system scarcely anywhere approaches adequacy.

Trustworthy travellers and refugees say that the number of deaths from underfeeding and exposure is appalling.

Celebrations in Posen

The Germans have patched up the Polish broadcasting stations and give nightly programmes, most of which are cheering relays in the German language from Reich stations.

The German authorities have announced that a five-day festival is being organised in the province of Posen with "splendid new entertainments to celebrate the reconquest of this cradle of ancient German culture."

Dr. Frick, the Minister of the Interior, has promised to attend the celebrations, of which one important item will be a speech by Herr Greiser, former President of the Senate of Danzig, and now head of the civil administration of Posen.

The festival is to culminate with some "tremendous political announcements by some of the Reich's best orators in all towns of the Posen district."

There is less apparent destitution in this province than in the others, chiefly because the Polish inhabitants have been simply expelled from the region to make room for new German colonists, part of them from the Baltic States.

At Lodz German theatrical companies have arrived from Breslau and elsewhere to entertain the depressed town, and, according to the German announcement, "to breathe on it with the breath of historic Prussia."

BERLIN TELLS OF N. Z. "LOSS"

WELLINGTON, (N.Z.)
The sinking of the fishing-boat Dolphin by battery fire in Lyttelton Harbour has not escaped the notice of the German Government, which has broadcast an account of the incident from the Berlin station.

After explaining that New Zealand was "a group of small islands in the South Pacific," the announcer said that New Zealand had recently sunk "one of its own warships" while it was in harbour.

The name of the ship, he said, was "H.M.S. Dolphin."

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The King has signed an Order-in-Council empowering Wednesday's session of Parliament to be a secret one.

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LATE NEWS

\$1,250 FINES FOR EDITOR

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On summons of contravening regulations under which his broadcast receiving licence was issued, Koo was fined \$250 and not was ordered to be confiscated.

Schoolboys Give Lives To Finland

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Six thousand Finnish school-boys who are too young to serve in the Finnish Army have been enrolled as volunteers in the battle against Soviet aggression, Finnish Minister to Sweden revealed yesterday.

Many of these school-boys have already given lives for their country.

Fears For 185 People

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Grave fears held here for safety of 185 passengers, many of them Polish refugees, who sailed from Tallinn Saturday in a 1,185-ton steamer Estonia. The ship has not been heard of since.

She was due at Stockholm at noon of Sunday and it is now feared, she may have struck a mine or been captured by Nazis or Reds.

Cold Stops War

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Bad weather and extreme cold have practically paralysed action on the Western Front during the past day or so, particularly of heavy artillery and aircraft.

They've Got To Pay

Germany's Economic Difficulties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns from a neutral source that Dr. Walther Funk, the German Finance Minister, and his experts have been working on a number of drastic schemes for financing the war, including a complicated form of capital levy, ordinary loan, voluntary collection of gold, and forcible transfer to the state of a proportion of Savings Banks' balances.

Hitler is hesitating to give his approval to Rudolf Hess says that the people must not be asked for more big sacrifices just yet.

In desperation, Hitler is said to be turning to Dr. Schacht, the former Reich Finance Minister, but it is understood that the latter still resents being abruptly sacked in January from the Presidency of the Reichsbank.

Dr. Schacht says that he is unable to do anything with Germany's finances in their present state.

JAPANESE TEST OF BLOCKADE

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 11 (Reuter). The Japanese steamer, Sanyo Maru, will leave Rotterdam to-morrow.

The Captain states that the Japanese shipping authorities told him to stay here until to-morrow when the Allied seizure of Nazi exports comes into effect.

From Tokyo comes news that the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said that it was hoped there would be no difficulty on account of the ship's cargo.

O.S.K. Warns Ships

KOBE, Dec. 12 (Domei).—The 10,207-ton O.S.K. freighter Hokkai Maru, which left Kobe on October 18 and which is now making port at Liverpool, has been ordered to cancel its visits to London and Rotterdam in view of the heavy risks in the British Channel and to return home immediately via New York. It was announced by O.S.K. headquarters to-day.

The Company's 10,002-ton Kyushu Maru, which is to reach London on January 6, is also likely to be recalled.

It is understood that the schedule for the O.S.K. liners bound for Europe in future will be determined in accordance with the negotiations between the Japanese and the British Governments.

Big Lumber Order From Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 11 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that the situation in the Scandinavian countries has forced the United Kingdom to seek additional supplies of lumber from Canada.

It is further understood that huge prospective orders are being contemplated.

An Order in Council to-day placed complete control of all civilian aviation in the hands of the Government in order to facilitate defence measures.

The Exhibition of Monotypes at St. John's Cathedral Hall has been extended until to-morrow, through the kindness of Dean Wilson.

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Ralph Richardson In Real Air Drama

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His "co-star" in the adventure was a junior wireless operator, Seaman Alan Todd.

The engine of their plane cut out while they were flying at several thousand feet over Hampshire.

Lieutenant Richardson fought with the controls, but the plane cut a crazy, topsy-turvy path, skimming tree-tops and houses for more than a mile before he was able to make a "pancake" landing in a garden.

And all that time Seaman Todd, in the plane's second seat, calmly sent out a report of what was happening and their position to the air base on the south coast.

On his return to the base Lieutenant Richardson told fellow officers how he had glanced back at Seaman Todd.

"He was banging that key as though we were on a normal flight, and not within a few feet of disaster," he told them.

Villagers who ran to the plane were in time to see Lieutenant Richardson and Seaman Todd scramble out.

"Are you hurt?" they asked the two men.

"Just a few scratches," said Lieutenant Richardson, "but I might quite easily have got them in a game of Rugby."

Seaman Todd had a sprained arm.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER WAITS HITLER'S NOD

STOCKHOLM.—Dr. Gerhard Domagk of Wuppertal, Germany, awarded the Nobel Prize for physiological medicine for 1939, has withheld acceptance pending possible authorisation by the German Government.

German law since Karl Oskar was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize forbids German citizens from accepting any Nobel prizes. Oskar was a noted liberal and opponent of the Nazi regime.

Dr. Domagk is a Director of the G. G. Farben research laboratories.

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